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CADILA'S 3-DOSE COVID VACCINE GETS EMERGENCY USE APPROVAL

Zydus Cadila on Friday received Emergency Use Authorization for ZyCoV-D, the world's first DNA-based vaccine for Covid-19

FOUND SAFE FOR ANYONE ABOVE 12 YEARS

The three-dose intradermal vaccine can be administered in those above 12 years using needle-free injector, according to Cadila. However, the Centre is yet to open inoculation for the 12-18 years category. The vaccine has been developed in partnership with the Department of Biotechnology and implemented by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council

EFFECTIVE TO DEAL WITH MUTATIONS: GOVT

- ZyCoV-D produces the spike protein of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and elicits an immune response. "The plug-and-play technology on which the plasmid DNA platform is based can be easily adapted to deal with mutations in the virus, such as those already occurring," the Ministry of Science & Technology said in its release

66.6%

EFFICACY RATE IN A LATE-STAGE TRIAL OF 28,000 VOLUNTEERS NATIONWIDE

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Empires built on terror don't last for long: PM

Two Indian consulates ransacked by the militia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

INDICATING a hardline on the Taliban wresting power in Afghanistan at a time when the foreign office is reaching out to the militia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said those who try to establish an empire on the basis of terror may dominate temporarily, but their existence is not permanent and they cannot suppress humanity forever.

He said the idea of vanquishing terror was as valid hundreds of years ago when invaders demolished the Somnath temple multiple times, as it is today, when the world is apprehensive of such ideologies.

Modi's remarks came during the foundation stone laying ceremony for multiple projects in Somnath. India has always criticised terror unequivocally, saying there is no such thing as good Taliban and bad Taliban. However, given the situation on the ground, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar had recently indicated India is engaging the Taliban, adding: "It is time to take things forward."

But in further evidence of Taliban's double-speak, while one of its leaders had urged New Delhi to not to evacuate its diplomats, two Indian consulates in Afghanistan were ransacked by the Taliban on Wednesday. The closed Indian consulates in Kandahar and Herat were searched by the militia for documents. Taliban leader Sher Mohammed Abbas Stanekzai has urged India to retain its diplomats, a request that was overlooked as security assessments suggested his words could not be taken on face value.

Afghans who worked with Spanish agencies arrive in Dubai along with families, prior to flying to Spain | AFP

18K evacuated: NATO

More than 18,000 people have been flown out since the militants took the capital Kabul, according to NATO

Friday prayers calm

Friday prayers were peaceful in Kabul, with no Taliban men seen in the mosques

Journalists targeted

German news organisation Deutsche Welle said the Taliban are targeting their journalists and the relative of a reporter was shot dead

Taliban chief Haibatullah in Pak army's custody?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

TALIBAN's supreme leader Haibatullah Akhundzada, who is likely to become the head of the ruling council of Afghanistan, may be in Pakistan army's custody, according to sources. The tip-off about the whereabouts of the elusive 60-year-old Taliban leader, to Indian agencies has come from foreign intel agencies, an official said.

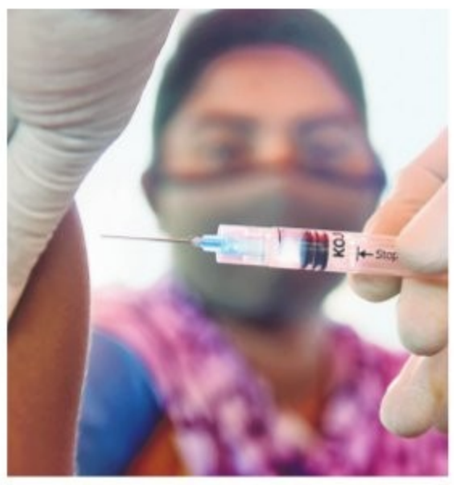
Akhundzada, who holds final authority over the group's political, religious, and military affairs, has not been seen in public over the past six months. Akhundzada's last public statement came in May - to mark Eid ul-Fitr, a holiday signalling the end of Ramzan.

The senior-most leader of Taliban being in Pak army custody could have serious implications for New Delhi as the militia may be directed to target India.

Akhundzada, known as the "Leader of the Faithful", took over the reins of Taliban when his predecessor, Akhtar Mansour, was killed in a US drone strike near the Afghan-Pakistan border in 2016. He is believed to have taught and preached at a mosque in Kuchlak, a town in southwestern Pakistan.

Meanwhile, the Taliban's 'moderate' mask further slipped on Friday with reports of targeted killings of people who had worked with US-led forces and the previous government.

Reports also said the Taliban is unlikely to make any decisions or announcements about the upcoming government until after the August 31 US withdrawal date passes. P9, 11



NATIONWIDE	AUG 19	AUG 20
Fresh cases	36,401	36,571
Recoveries	39,157	36,555
Deaths	530	540

KARNATAKA	AUG 19	AUG 20
Fresh cases	1,432	1,453
Recoveries	1,538	1,408
Deaths	27	17

JAB-O-METER

TAKE YOUR SHOT

August 19
48,84,440 doses

August 20
54,71,282 doses

TOTAL DOSES
57,22,81,488

CM's third visit to Delhi, this time to ask for more vaccines

Bommai to seek one crore doses for state

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is seeking one crore Covid vaccines per month for Karnataka. Now, the state gets 65 lakh doses. Stating that educational and economic restrictions will continue for the time being, Bommai called upon people to scrupulously follow social distancing and other norms like masking up, sanitising in public spaces.

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

IN less than a month after he took charge as Chief Minister, Basavaraj Bommai is likely to make his third visit to Delhi next week. This time, it is to get more vaccines and discuss the State's projects with central ministers, while sources also said that he will brief party central leaders about the political situation in the State after the cabinet expansion.

On Friday, Bommai said he has sought an appointment from many Union ministers and will go to Delhi as soon as he gets confirmation from them.

He will meet Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to ask for an increase in vaccine supply. Karnataka now gets 65 lakh doses of vaccines per month, while Bommai is seeking one crore shots. He is also expected to meet Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat to discuss issues related to Mekedatu project.

Party sources said he is also meeting party senior leaders to explain the political situation in Karnataka. While Anand Singh seems to be still sulking over not getting the portfolio of his choice and skipped Thursday's cabinet meeting, the chief minister managed to convince another minister MTB Nagaraj, who had openly expressed his displeasure over portfolio allocation.

Many legislators too had expressed displeasure over not being inducted into the ministry but refrained from talking about it publicly. Sources said central leaders are not encouraging state leaders to make repeated visits to Delhi with complaints. P7

Regional assertion at Oppn unity meet

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

THE process of Opposition consolidation gained further momentum on Friday as 19 parties participated in a meeting called by Congress chief Sonia Gandhi, with regional parties dominating the narrative, saying all like-minded parties irrespective of their alliance with the Congress should be part of a united front to take on the BJP.

Following an hour-and-a-half-long meeting, the Congress released a 'joint statement' demanding action from the Centre on 11 points. Soon after, the Trinamool Congress issued a separate wishlist with just five points — vaccine for all, repeal farm laws, fuel and LPG price hike, ₹7,500 per month dole to all outside the income tax bracket, and judicial probe on Pegasus.

During the meeting, regional parties indirectly told the Congress to drop its big brother attitude when West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and NCP chief Sharad Pawar said all parties who want to work together for saving democratic principles and ethos of our country must be allowed to come together.

The leaders who took part in the meeting were from TMC, NCP, DMK, Shiv Sena, JMM, CPI, CPI(M), NC, RJD, AIUDF, VCK, Loktantrik Janata Dal, JD(S), RLD, RSP, Kerala Congress (Mani), PDP and IUML. Former Congress chief Rahul Gandhi also attended. AAP, BSP and SP gave it a miss.

The joint statement claimed SP chief Akhilesh Yadav couldn't participate as he was touring the interior parts of UP. But Yadav tweeted his pictures with the British High Commissioner, who was in Lucknow.

Addressing the virtual meeting, Sonia said the monsoon session of Parliament saw Opposition unity but the larger political battle has to be fought outside it and the ultimate goal is the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

We have to begin to plan with the single-minded objective of giving a government to our country that believes in the values of the freedom movement and in the Constitution

Sonia Gandhi, Congress chief

UNDER HIS WINGS

Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu inspects a Tejas aircraft during his visit to Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd in Bengaluru on Friday. He was accompanied by Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot, while HAL CMD R Madhavan gave them a tour of the facilities

EXPRESS READ

CBI forms four teams to probe Bengal post-poll violence

Kolkata: The CBI has set up four special investigation teams, each headed by an officer of joint director rank and are from other states, to probe into complaints of murder, rape and attempted rape in the post-poll violence in West Bengal. P10

Loud sound creates panic in Kalaburagi villages

Kalaburagi: Intense tremors created panic among residents of several villages in Kalagi and Chincholi taluks of Kalaburagi district late on Friday evening. They also reported hearing loud sounds from the earth. P7

Forex reserves decline by $2.10 bn to $619.365 bn

Mumbai: India's foreign exchange reserves decreased by USD 2.099 billion to USD 619.365 billion for the week ended August 13 due to a fall in core currency assets and gold. The forex kitty had increased to a high of USD 621.464 billion in the previous reporting week.

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MISSED CALL

When Union minister 'condoles' death of serving soldier

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

UNION Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment A Narayanaswamy might wish this did not happen to him. In an embarrassing incident, he was taken to pay condolences to the family of a soldier, who is alive and posted along the border, while he was scheduled to go to the house of another soldier, who died last year.

The family members of the soldier, who is still serving, were first shocked when the minister's convoy arrived at their house, and they had a bigger surprise when Narayanaswamy offered a government job to the wife of the 'deceased' soldier. With hearts in their mouth, the family called up the soldier, who is serving in Jammu and Kashmir, and heaved a big sigh of relief when he answered the call.

It was the local BJP unit that had made arrangements for Narayanaswamy's visit to the residence of soldier Basavaraj Hiremath, who died last year while alighting from a train at Pune Railway Station. Hiremath was joining back his unit after visiting his hometown of Mulgund in Gadag district when the accident occurred. But the party members led Narayanaswamy to the house of Ravi Kattimani which is just two streets away.

Union Minister of State A Narayanaswamy at the house of soldier Ravi Kattimani in Mulgund, Gadag | EXPRESS

Initially, Kattimani's family members and neighbours were confused when they were informed about Narayanaswamy's visit.

He was accompanied by Gadag-Haveri MP Shivakumar Udasi, State PWD Minister CC Patil and several BJP members. They went on to console the family and even offer a job to Ravi's wife. A family member made a video call to Ravi and made him speak to the family and the Union minister.

By then, party members, who were waiting at the residence of Hiremath, rushed to the residence of Kattimani. But Narayanaswamy, who seemed upset with the faux pas, did not visit the house of Hiremath, where he was supposed to go originally.

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Saturday:** 21/08/2021 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayna
• **Ritu:** Varsha • **Masa:** Sravana • **Paksha:** Sukla • **Tithi:** Chaturdashi 6.19 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Shravana 8.48 pm • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30am
• **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Isolated tstorms. Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.37 pm
Moonrise 6.00 pm
Moonset 4.47 am

MORE ADMISSIONS

Higher Edu Dept gets ready for 2L additional intake

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA
@ Bengaluru

AS students and colleges prepare themselves for the official reopening, higher educational institutions will witness an unusual intake this year and the department is gearing up with necessary arrangements. There are at least two lakh more students who have cleared Class 12 exams compared to the previous year. The highest number of those who passed were Commerce students, followed by Science and Arts.

Commissioner for Higher Education, Pradeep P, told TNIE that government colleges have a surplus of one lakh seats in a given year, as these r main vacant out of the 2.3 lakh capacity. In addition to this, if classes are held in shifts, 1.7 lakh students can be accommodated, he noted. Private colleges too are allowed to apply for additional sections with universities they are affiliated to, he said.

However, since the applications for starting additional sections are open till the end of this month, university officials told TNIE that one will know about the additional seats available in a college only by September, after the local inspection takes place.

Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor K R Venugopal said there is 50 per cent seat vacancy out of the 70,000 seats in affiliated private colleges itself. Colleges will be allowed to increase intake for courses that have more demand if they have the necessary infrastructure and staff. Government colleges are allowed to increase their seats by 40 per cent, Venugopal said.

An official of the Bengaluru North University said there is already a demand from 220 colleges for affiliations, mostly for Bachelor in Commerce and Bachelor in Business Administration courses. Although admissions will begin in two days, colleges have been given till the end of the month to place a request for additional sections, the official said.

Poornima Ganesh, educational counsellor with Banjara Academy, said that engineering and medical courses continue to have more demand. However, of late, there have been streaks of demand for humanities courses including journalism and law, she pointed out.

NO OF STUDENTS WHO CLEARED PUC II

MARCH 2020	4,17,297
MARCH 2021	6,66,497

PUC II STUDENTS REGISTERED IN 2021

ARTS	1,95,034
SCIENCE	2,19,777
COMMERCE	2,51,686

(All regular students and repeaters were passed based on previosuly scored marks)

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Come, take a look at the mess, traders tell CM

Continuous digging at Avenue Road, Chickpet and surrounding areas has wreaked havoc on their business

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

AGITATED by the delay and continuous digging at Avenue Road, Chickpet and surrounding areas, traders have asked Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to visit the area and get first-hand information about their plight.

The traders pointed out that after former Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa visited the ongoing road works at Commercial Street and other places, the pace of work had picked up. They are hoping for a similar sort of reaction with Bommai's visit.

They point out that the pandemic has already hit the business sector as almost 50 per cent of small and large-scale businesses have shut shop over the last few months. "Added to this, the civil and smart city works are creating havoc," they rued.

The traders further said that Avenue Road is just a kilometre away from the seat of power. "Even during the previous CM's two rounds of the city, this road was not included in the itinerary. This goes to show that officials do not want to make a fool of themselves in front of the chief minister," they said.

Smart City works, digging by BESCOM and BWSSB have left Avenue Road in a pitiable state | EXPRESS

"Road works and digging have been going on on Avenue Road for about two to three years now. Earlier, it was by BESCOM, then BWSSB and then other agencies. Now, the Smart City works are going on along with white-topping. Though the government has set a deadline, we don't know whether they will finish it on time or not," said Subhash L, a trader from Avenue Road. As per the Smart City mission, a deadline of August 25, 2021 was set to complete the work.

Sajjan Raj Mehta, representing traders from Avenue Road and Chickpet, said that not many know that Avenue Road is an important stretch connecting north and south Bengaluru. It is also the main road connecting other commercial trade lanes in the old central business district (CBD) in the vicinity.

Bengaluru Central MP P C Mohan, who has been closely working with the government and BBMP to ensure completion of work on time.

MUTED FESTIVITIES

With Covid restrictions in place, a family poses outside a temple during the Varamahalakshmi festival in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

RAILWAY OVER BRIDGE IN YESHWANTPUR YET TO GET PALIKE NOD

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

An infrastructure project that would come to the rescue of the residents of Malleshwaram and Yeshwantpur, by eliminating a Railway Level Crossing (LC) gate, has been in a limbo for over six years now. Sanctioned in the financial year 2014-2015 by the Railway Board, the project shows no signs of taking off.

The project in question is a Road Over Bridge in front of Brigade Gateway (Mysore Lamps) between the railway stations of Yeshwantpur and Malleswaram. It was later changed to a Road Under Bridge by the Railways due to land acquisition issues, but Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is yet to give its clearance.

A senior official said, "Removal of any LC gate will offer major relief to the public. With trains running between Yeshwantpur and KSR railway station, the gate needs to be closed at regular intervals. Bearing this in mind, we had proposed the ROB initially on a 50:50 cost sharing basis with the state government."

While the main bridge would be constructed by the South Western Railway (SWR), the approach roads needs to be readied by BBMP. "There was a need for 3491.69 square metre of land in thickly populated areas, which would involve demolition of residential buildings. Due to these land acquisition issues cited by BBMP, we decided to change it to an RUB in 2018."

Railways had submitted its proposals for building two RUBs on January 5, 2018. "A joint inspection was done two years later on February 14, 2020 and the BBMP had agreed in-principle with the move. However, the schematic plan is yet to be approved," the official said.

"It has come to a standstill completely now. Unless BBMP approves the General Alignment Drawing, we cannot go ahead and prepare even an estimate for the project," he said.

No one at BBMP was able to respond to the queries.

Flyover additional lane project to begin soon

Meanwhile, another infrastructure project at Yeshwantpur, which will widen the existing four-lane flyover to a six-lane one, is finally set to become a reality. "BBMP has given us the go-ahead and we will be calling for tenders shortly," said another railway official. BBMP Chief Engineer, Major Roads, B S Prahalad, Chief Engineer, Roads and Infrastructure told TNIE that work on it would start soon.

Flying high: KIA staff best in Central Asia

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

EMPLOYEES of the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), Bengaluru have been adjudged "The Best Airport Staff in India and Central Asia" at the Skytrax World Airport Awards 2021.

An official release said that the award was "particularly significant" considering the challenging year that the aviation industry has experienced following the Covid outbreak.

Hari Marar, Managing Director & CEO of Bangalore International Airport Limited, said, "This is truly a fabulous reward for all of us working at the Bengaluru Airport ecosystem, as this recognition is based on passenger voting. A big thank you to all our passengers who appreciated our hard work."

KIA staff from different departments greet passengers | EXPRESS

The World Airport Awards began in 1999, when Skytrax launched its first global airport customer satisfaction survey. A central directive of the survey is for customers to make their own, personal choices as to which airport they consider the best, underlining the brand as the Passengers' Choice Awards.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

21st August: The Roman emperor, Marcus Aurelius, who lived almost two thousand years ago, was deeply influenced by Indian teachings that time moves in exact cycles, each one containing a mirror image of the one which preceded it. If he were here today, he would say everything that takes place has happened an infinite number of times in the past!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
In the past, you hesitated in the face of seductive proposals, but you may now feel free to accept fresh offers of a social or romantic nature. Take heart from the fact that Venus' changing position in your solar horoscope is about to bring new and attractive people into your life.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You can now afford to relax a little. Six planets are acting in your defence, not a bad total considering recent stresses and strains. Your social life is liable to revolve around hobbies and joint interests, and activities which are generally worthwhile and life-improving.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Mars' approaching relationship with Neptune obliges you to look around for fresh inspiration. Romantic influences are stronger than usual, though in a much broader sense than the purely emotional. Artistic and imaginative types are bound to feel the real benefits of recent initiatives.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The Moon is rapidly heading towards lively, energetic spaces. Enjoy to the full the next couple of days, while the accent remains on friendships and welcome domestic experiences. You must stress the value of a pleasant environment for your future happiness.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Your stars just don't seem to be able to take their gaze away from your money. Before the next phase or cycle in your affairs, you must get your finances sorted out. There will be much to say about your cash situation, your incomings and outgoings, over the next month or so.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
These are energetic times. Whether working, relaxing or pressing on with routine chores, you should push yourself as hard as you can. But don't expect other, more lethargic people to keep up. And don't worry about delays - they're part of the pattern.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Much of what is said or implied over the current period is likely to be based on unfounded rumour or conjecture, and should therefore be disregarded. On the other hand, this evening you will be forced to listen to other people, like it or not.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You must be on the mend now, and a professional hiccup should be coming into perspective. You are set up to spend a pleasant weekend, and the closer you feel to a particular person, the greater you will appreciate their sensitivity and discretion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Society has set the weekend aside as the time to relax. It is therefore rather fortuitous that the pleasurable fifth house of your solar chart is so well aspected. You are well primed for an enjoyable day, with an increasing chance of an extravagant outburst.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You might want to pause for a long, deep breath. Recent events may have left you poorer than you were before, yet undoubtedly wiser. Such fluctuations in fortune are part and parcel of astrology's cyclical nature, and the next phase will be one of prosperity.

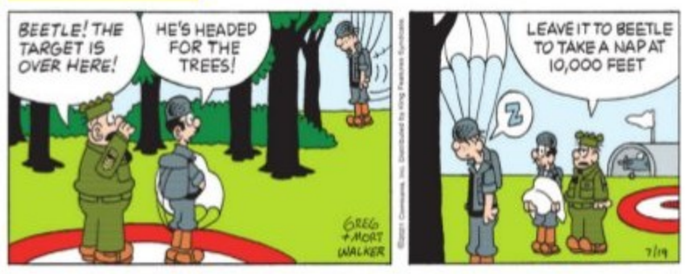
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
What took place last week seems to have upset a number of personal arrangements. However, as one awkward planetary influence has subsided, so another, more favourable, one has emerged to take its place. Socially the future is bright, so get out and enjoy yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You do feel that you have been misled or misinformed. However, such feelings may be based less on real events than on your perpetual tendency to grab the wrong end of the stick as far as other people are concerned. Try focusing on the facts for a change!

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY



BLONDIE

BOY, IT FEELS GOOD TO BREAK AWAY FROM WORK AND ENJOY A DECENT CUP OF COFFEE
DO YOU WORK CLOSE BY?
YEAH, BUT BUSINESS IS TERRIBLE
WHERE DO YOU WORK?
I OWN THE COFFEE WAGON AT THE END OF THE BLOCK

LOCKHORNS

"YOU CAN NOW FOLLOW THEIR ARGUMENTS ON THIS STORM TRACKER APP."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"OH, GREAT! LEFTOVERS! THE STUFF YOU HATE THE FIRST TIME AROUND."

SUDOKU

Medium: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

7			3	8			6	
6			1		7		2	8
8	1		6			7		
	4							
		8		9		3		
							7	
		3			4		9	7
1	8		9		3			5
	6			2	5			1

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

2	1	8	5	3	9	7	4	6
7	6	3	2	4	1	9	8	5
4	9	5	6	8	7	1	3	2
5	8	2	3	7	6	4	9	1
1	3	6	8	9	4	5	2	7
9	7	4	1	2	5	3	6	8
8	4	9	7	5	2	6	1	3
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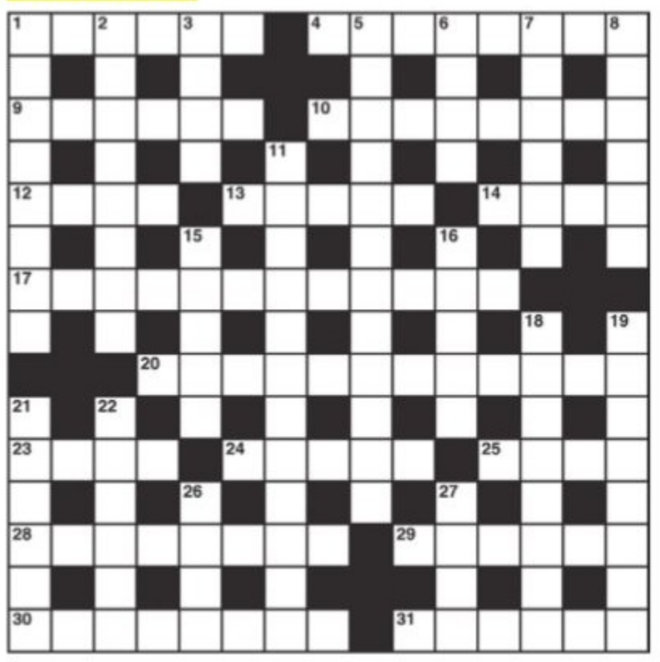
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 Arms displayed in a hostile way (6)
4 Believe Bill has time to pay (8)
9 Lets out American imprisoned in brawl (6)
10 Result of dropping the charge? (5,3)
12 One bound on a crest of a wave we hear (4)
13 The rate at which oceans recede (5)
14 Unusually loud children's game (4)
17 Form that saves time for the writer (12)
20 An editor sits out a formal discourse (12)
23 Topless females - a bad sign (4)
24 A teacher's means of transport (5)
25 You'll need another one to make one (4)
28 Got into a bed drunk (8)
29 He carries the beer (6)
30 Misplaced trust in a nudist (8)
31 Doesn't work hard resulting in a deficiency on board (6)

DOWN
1 Ten arias arranged well (8)
2 Write in a man of letters here (8)
3 Unlocked (4)
5 Today's charge for electricity (7,5)
6 People in competition (4)
7 It's said to be an official pronouncement (6)
8 Military show leaves a permanent impression on one (6)
11 European spring water (5,7)
15 It's very cold in Archangel I discovered (5)
16 Dependable form of alloy (5)
18 Great frolic on the carriage (8)
19 In which we serve (8)
21 Grubby residence (6)
22 Small group involved in PE test (6)
26 His accounts cannot be relied upon (4)
27 Left a long time back - Christmas maybe (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Delft, 4 Captain, 8 Uri, 9 Springlet, 10 Leg-rest, 11 Class, 13 Should, 15 Relief, 18 Tenon, 19 Chapter, 21 Lifeboats, 23 Ice, 24 Sprawls, 25 Poker.

Down: 1 Doubles, 2 Lying down, 3 Taste, 4 Curate, 5 Panache, 6 All, 7 Notes, 12 A bit thick, 14 Longbow, 16 Forbear, 17 Scraps, 18 Tells, 20 Aesop, 22 Fur.

JUMBLE By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

FCNHI

SUDEO

SIYFET

LUKINE

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Sorry I'm late.
Everybody's taking their time today.
What's taking so long?
Let's go!
THEY WOULD BEGIN PLAYING CANASTA AT THE RETIREMENT CENTER AFTER EVERYONE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here:

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** GRUNT UNITY SYRUPY UNLESS
ANSWER: There was a nasal passages seminar, so the medical students said – SIGNUS UP

Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti has transferred 30 officials out of the Council secretariat on Friday for poor performance

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

1,453 CASES REPORTED TODAY

TOTAL CASES | TODAY 29,36,077 | YESTERDAY 29,34,624

1,432 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

DEATHS | TODAY 17 | YESTERDAY 27

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until August 20, 2021, a total of 29,36,077 cases have been reported in 1 year and 161 days...

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
1,408	1,538

Active cases

TODAY	21,161
YESTERDAY	21,133

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	7.04%
YESTERDAY	7.06%

The day positivity rate - **0.83%** is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of **100 tests** conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.26%
YESTERDAY	1.26%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	98.01%
YESTERDAY	98.01%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

352 BENGALURU URBAN

7 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot	3
Ballari	1
Belagavi	46
Bidar	3
Chamarajanagar	0
Chikkaballapur	9
Chikkamagaluru	45
Chitradurga	9
Dakshina Kannada	341
Davanagere	10
Dharwad	4
Gadag	2
Hassan	101
Haveri	1
Kalaburagi	3
Kodagu	95
Kolar	20
Koppal	2
Mandya	25
Mysuru	87
Raichur	4
Ramanagara	2
Shivamogga	53
Tumakuru	10
Udupi	176
Uttara Kannada	40
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	1

Covid-19 death audits point to late referrals

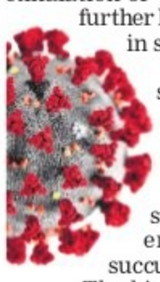
Pvt hosps blamed for referring patients to Bowring in serious condition leading to their death within hours of admission

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

MULTIPLE death audits conducted at the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital have revealed that late referrals from other private hospitals led to the death of Covid-19 patients within a few hours of admission. Between October 1 and November 30, there were 17 deaths in less than 24 hours of admission. Likewise, between May 16 and June 15 this year, there were 32 such deaths and between June 16 and July 20, six deaths were recorded.

"Private hospitals have referred patients to us in serious condition, causing them to be declared dead in our ICU within two or three hours of admission. We have had patients who were on ventilator being referred from private hospitals. The patients would have run out of money owing to the high cost of treatment there, and come to us at the last moment," a doctor from Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital said.

During the peak, the hospital saw below poverty line patients presenting late and in critical condition. By this time, pneumonia had set in their lungs and their oxygen saturation dropped to 50-60. When pneumonia sets in, the lungs get consolidated (hardened), affecting the inhalation of oxygen and exhalation of carbon dioxide, further leading to a drop in saturation.



Owing to the shortage of beds, they were put in the triage area, given basic oxygen and steroids. However, they would succumb there.

The highest number of deaths were reported in the over 72 hours category. These include eight between June 16 and July 20, 75 between May 16 and June 15, and 33 between October 1 and November 30 last year.

In one of the death audit analyses, the reason for this read, "Majority of the patients admitted in HDU (oxygen) for 3-4 days deteriorated and were shifted to the ICU where they have spent 2-3 days and have succumbed due to development of complications and associated co-morbidities". Doctors said that these were cases of late presentation.

One of the audits recommended early identification of cases and early referral to the Covid-19 hospitals concerned.

A separate analysis done by Bowring Hospital of Covid-19 ICU statistics for May 2021, found that 31 out of 93 ICU patients died within 24 hours. Among the referred patients, all three from Charaka hospital died within 24 hours. Three out of the 14 who died from the 23 Gosha Hospital referrals were within a day. One out of the five deaths among the 10 referred from private hospitals were also within 24 hours. About 55.8 per cent of the ICU deaths were patients without comorbidities (19 out of 34 cases) and 66.10 per cent were with comorbidities (39 out of 59 cases).

NO NOD YET, BUT MANY CURIOUS ABOUT MIXING VACCINE DOSES

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

EVER since the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) came out with a study that mixing of the Covid vaccines — Covishield and Covaxin — have shown better results, many people have been approaching hospitals to inquire if they can get a different vaccine for the second shot.

According to the study, a combination of an adenovirus vector platform-based vaccine, followed by inactivated whole virus vaccine, provided better immunogenicity and was safe. The study was done on 18 individuals who received Covishield for the first dose and Covaxin for the second dose. Also, 40 recipients who got Covishield and another 40 who got Covaxin for both doses were also studied. The study highlighted that lower and similar adverse events following immunisation in all three groups underlined the safety of the combination vaccine regime.

"After media reports about the mix-and-match doses, many people want to know if they can get mixed doses. It is important to know that right now, ICMR has given nod only for clinical trials of mix-and-match vaccine use. Those coming to us with such requests are being told that with no approval for it now, we cannot go ahead with it," said Dr Pruthu Narendra Dhekane, Consultant-Infectious Diseases, Fortis Hospitals, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru.

Dr Dhekane added, "In studies abroad on mix-and-match of doses, it has shown to be beneficial and gives prolonged serological titre. But in India, it hasn't been approved yet...we will have to wait and watch."

A doctor at a PHC in Wilson Garden too said they had got similar requests. Dr Sujay Prasad, Medical Director, Neuberg Anand Reference Laboratory, cautioned that people should not wait till the government decides on mixing of doses, and should instead go ahead and take the second dose of the vaccine they had taken earlier. "There are very few studies to show the efficacy of mixing of vaccines. Preliminary results have started coming out, like Pfizer and Astra Zeneca, where good antibody response is shown. We should continue with what is tested and known. For now, we can consider looking into booster doses," he said.

SILVER LINING

At 17, state sees lowest number of daily deaths

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KARNATAKA on Friday recorded the lowest number of deaths in a day, with 17 fatalities, while Bengaluru reported one death. But Karnataka as well as the state capital have a dubious record of having the second highest number of deaths among states and districts, respectively.

As regards state-wise Covid-19 fatalities, Karnataka, with 37,105 deaths, is second after Maharashtra, which has recorded 1,35,672 fatalities. Tamil Nadu is at number 3 position with 34,639 deaths.

Among districts with the highest number of fatalities in the country, Bengaluru is second after Pune, with Mumbai coming a close third. Bengaluru, which accounts for 43 per cent of Karnataka's Covid-19 death toll, with 15,956 fatalities, follows Pune at 18,807, and Mumbai with 15,941 deaths.

On April 4, Karnataka reported 15 deaths, but subsequently the number increased to over 100 after April 19, with the highest number of single-day Covid deaths reported on May 23 at 626 fatalities.

The number of deaths per day started reducing from June 26, falling to two-digit figures. While 17 is the lowest number of deaths reported in a day, the second lowest was 19 deaths on July 18, followed by 20 on August 8, and 21 on August 15. Karnataka's total Covid deaths went over the 37,000-mark on August 16.

The state's active cases on Friday increased by 0.13% to 21,161 from 21,133 the previous day. Karnataka stands thirds in the number of active cases.

COVID BYTES

Follow Covid-19 norms scrupulously, says Bommai

BENGALURU: Chief Minister Basavraj Bommai has called upon citizens to follow all Covid-19 restrictions and norms in letter and spirit to help overcome the pandemic. Speaking to the media outside his residence, he said people should scrupulously follow social distancing and other norms like masking up, sanitizing in public spaces where crowds gather. He said the educational and economic restrictions will continue for the time being. Everyone needs to exercise caution because one person's carelessness can endanger another person's life, he stressed. ENS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT
Room No. 817
IN THE COURT OF CIVIL JUDGE SENIOR DIVISION., NAGPUR
Spl.C.S. No. 656/2019. Fixed for:18/09/2021
Plaintiff: **Softek Solution Pvt. Ltd**
-Versus-
Defendants : Deepakji K. R. Bharani
To,
Deepakji K. R. Bharani,
Address - R/o. 883, 2nd floor, Chinmayee Arcade, 10th A East Cross Road, Natraja Layout, RBI East Layout, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Bengaluru, Karnataka.
Whereas plaintiff has instituted a suit against you **Suit** to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person, able to answer all such questions on the 18/09/2021 at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon, to answer the claim and further you are hereby directed to file on that day (or within 30 days from the date of service of this summons) a written statement of your defence and to produce on the said day all documents in your possession or power upon which you base your defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim, and where you rely on any other document whether in your possession or power or not, as evidence in support of your defence or claim for set-off or counter-claim, you shall enter such documents in a list to be annexed to the written statement.
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this day of 04th Day of Aug, 2021.
By Order of the Court
Asst. Supdt. Court of Civil Judge Sr. Dn., Nagpur.

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The general public is hereby informed that my client intends to purchase the immoveable property described in the SCHEDULE hereunder from its owner, Mrs.M.A.POORNIMA, aged about 47 years, wife of Mr. H.B. Chidananda, residing at No.5, 1st Cross, Shanthivana, Sahakarnagar Post, Bengaluru-560 092, for a lawful and valid consideration.
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Notice under Sections 25 to 28 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rule 2 of Second Schedule to the Income Tax Act, 1961.
RC No: 241/2021 dt:07.07.2021
Karnataka Bank Ltd., Hesaraghatta Main Road Branch, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560 073. **... Certificate Holder**
Versus
Miss S. Swathi and Others
To
1. Miss S. Swathi, D/o. Sri Shivakumar M. B. Residing at : No. 85B, Navy Layout, Near Sapthagiri Engineering College, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 073.
2. Sri Shivakumar M. B. S/o. Sri Biligowda, Residing at : No. 85B, Navy Layout, Near Sapthagiri Engineering College, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 073. **... Certificate Debtor**
This is notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal (DRT 1) in **OA /1164/2019** an amount of **Rs.13,40,251.00** (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs Forty Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One Only) along with pendentellite and future interest and costs till realization.
2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.
3.You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of your assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordereed to appear before the undersigned on **07.08.2021** at 10.30 a.m. for further proceedings.
5. In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay.
(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/ execution proceedings. (b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processess and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **07.07.2021**
Sd/- (Rajasekharan R)
Recovery Officer-I
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bengaluru (DRT-1)
Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below:
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The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.
The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (S) Co-Borrower(S)	Outstanding Amount	Loan No. and Loan Amount	Property Address of Secured Assets
Loan A/c No's. SHLHBGLR0000652 & STUHBGLR0000927 **1) Mr. Kumar S And** **2) Mrs. Shivarathnamma** **R/at. No. 44, Shankrappa Layout, Rayasandra, Huskur Post, Near Swami Vivekananda School, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore– 560 099** **Also At:** **Kumar Lighting & Sound System, No. 13, Naganathapura, Rayasandra Main Road, Near Central Jail, Electronic City, Bangalore– 560 100** **Also At:** **Site No. 7, Assesment No. 288/88, Khatha No. 696/1, Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Hobli, Bangalore – 560 099**	Rs. 15,94,748/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Eight Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBGLR0000652 and Rs. 2,51,855/- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Five Only) in respect of Loan Account No. STUHBGLR0000927 as on 12.07.2021	Loan Account No. SHLHBGLR0000652 - Rs. 14,95,847/- (Rupees Fourteen Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Seven only) and Loan Account No. STUHBGLR0000927 - Rs. 2,31,173/- (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty One Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Three only)	All that piece and parcel of the residential Vacant Property bearing Site No. 07, Assessment No. 288/88, Khatha No. 696/1, measuring East to West 50 ft and North to South 15 ft., in all measuring 750 Sq. feet , Situated at Rayasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: East:Road. West:Private Property. North:Private Property. South:Remaining portion of same Site No. 7, belongs to 2nd Vendor. **NPA DATE** - 06-Jul-21 **DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE -** 23rd July, 2021

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.
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Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah will be at the Jindal Naturecare Institute in Bengaluru for 10 days for naturopathy treatment starting Saturday till August 31

Horatti shunts out 30 staffers over poor work

Says secretariat employees were warned several times, threatens to transfer more

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

IN a major shakeup, Legislative Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti has transferred 30 officials out of the Council secretariat on Friday for poor performance. He also warned of another similar exercise soon after the legislature session ends on September 24 if the performance of the existing staff does not improve.

Many of those transferred were long-time staffers in the Council secretariat. There were complaints about many of them and they had been given a long rope

Basavaraj Horatti, Legislative Council Chairman

This is the biggest such exercise in the secretariat in about 16 years.

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, Horatti, said many of those transferred were long-time staffers in the Council secretariat and added that their functioning had been closely observed and monitored. There were complaints about many of them and they had been given a long rope, he said.

The legislature secretariat was formally divided into Assembly and Council secretariats only in 1998, and some of the Council secretariat staffers have been working since then. Many of the staffers were initially appointed as peons and, over the past two decades, they had reached higher positions, but were found not to be competent to perform the duties assigned to them despite several warnings, he said.

The officials transferred are of the rank of deputy secretary, under-secretary, first division assistants and others holding clerical positions. The Council secretariat has a total of 314 postings and there are about 30 vacancies.

Horatti said he is looking to fill up at least half of the vacancies through direct appointments and the remaining through routine promotions.

Basavaraj Horatti, a Janata Dal Seular legislator, was unanimously elected Chairman of the 75-member Council in February this year with help from the ruling BJP after the previous chairman P C Shetty of the Congress resigned.

Horatti is one of the longest serving legislators, having been elected as MLC for seven terms representing the Karnataka West Teachers Constituency. As Education Minister, many of his policies brought in far-reaching reforms.

EDUCATION & JOBS

Govt plans spl programmes for Backward Classes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said the State Government will take up special programmes to empower Backward Classes by providing quality education and employment opportunities.

Speaking at a programme organised to confer the D Devaraj Urs Awards here, Bommai said the government has invested a lot in residential schools for children belonging to SC, ST, OBC and Minority communities. "Now, there is a need for qualitative upgradation of these schools so that children can pursue higher education even in international institutions. Education, employment and empowerment are very important for their development," he said, adding that there is a need to boost their confidence to take NEET, CET and other exams and create opportunities for them in new industries as job opportunities in the government sector are dwindling. "In the coming days, the government will formulate special programmes to provide all assistance to them," he said.

Bommai said that in the current year, the government will start three residential schools with allocation of Rs 6 crore each, for children from nomadic communities. "There are four such schools in the state and there is also a board for their welfare. The government will take steps to protect the culture and lifestyle of nomadic communities in the state," he added.

"The Prime Minister has created a record by inducting 30 ministers from backward classes, given reservation to backward classes in NEET and also given the power to states to decide on backward classes reservation," he said. Bommai presented the D Devaraj Urs Award to Basava Prabhu L Patil, Bhaskar Das and Susheelamma of Sumangali Sevashrama.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, along with the recipients of the D Devaraj Urs Award, at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

REMEMBERING A LEADER

People pay tributes to former chief minister D Devaraj Urs on his 106th birth anniversary, at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Siddu slams HDK over caste census

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@ Bengaluru

AS the leaders of the ruling and opposition parties continue to engage in a debate over the caste census, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah on Friday accused former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy of not allowing the then Backward Classes Welfare Minister in the JDS-Congress coalition government from presenting the caste census report.

Rejecting Kumaraswamy's allegation that he had got the census report written, Siddaramaiah said the report was not ready at that time.

The Congress leader said he had directed the then Backward Classes Welfare Minister Puttaranga Shetty to get the report approved by the JDS-Congress coalition government, but the then Kumaraswamy opposed it.

Siddaramaiah said since he was the chairman of the coalition coordination committee he did not take up the issue further to avoid confrontation.

Kumaraswamy had recently criticised Siddaramaiah for talking about the caste census now and not discussing it when he was chairman of the coalition coordination committee.

The JDS leader had also hit out at Siddaramaiah for politicising the issue.

Siddaramaiah also questioned the current BJP government as to why it is not willing to accept the Backward Classes Commission report. He said his government had ordered for the survey as resources should be distributed equally and social justice should be achieved. The report was prepared with the help of school teachers and not by private agencies, Siddaramaiah said. The former chief minister asked the Congress workers to fight for social justice.

Dwarakanath joins Congress

Former Chairperson of Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission CS Dwarakanath on Friday joined the Congress in the presence of Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar, Siddaramaiah and other party leaders.

Govt plans townships at industrial areas in state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Industries Department is planning to develop integrated residential townships with all the basic amenities in industrial areas to increase productivity and avoid traffic congestion.

Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani said residential townships will be constructed on Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) land and other industrial areas. People working in those industrial areas can stay in those townships and avoid long-distance travelling. It helps to increase productivity and prevent traffic congestion, a statement issued by Nirani's office read.

Nirani discussed the "Walk-to-Work" concept with senior department officials and they decided to prepare a blueprint on the residential townships in industrial areas, the statement added. The proposed townships will be constructed on 10%-15% land reserved in industrial areas with amenities such as schools, clinics, parks, and recreation facilities.

The department is also planning to develop 9,010 acres of land for industrial development in Kolar, Ramanagara, Mandya, Tumakuru, Vijayapura, and Haveri districts.

No dearth of land for industries: Narayan

K SHIVA KUMAR @ Mysuru

MINISTER for Higher Education, IT & BT, Dr C N Ashwath Narayan, on Friday said that there was no dearth of land for industries in Karnataka.

Speaking after inaugurating the office of the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) at Hebbal Industrial Area in Mysuru, he said the State Government is in a position to ensure that the availability of land is more than the demand so as to attract investors.

He said that investors should apprise the government of their needs so that the latter can acquire and provide developed land for industries through the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board. Setting aside apprehensions expressed by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha over lack of land for expansion of the Mysuru airport and other projects, Narayan said, "There is no need to worry for land. Just ask how much you want and where you want."

Additional Chief Secretary to the IT and BT department, Dr E V Ramana Reddy, who is also the Additional Chief Secretary to the Industries Department, has set up an agenda to attract industries and investments, he said. "Land should not be a problem as Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani is also keen on encouraging IT and BT sectors," he added.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's aim to make India a 5 trillion-dollar economy by 2025, Narayan said that Karnataka's contribution will likely be $300-350 billion and $150 billion will be from IT exports alone. "Mysuru and other clusters like Hubballi and Mangaluru are expected to contribute more than 5% to the overall tech economy by 2030. In order to strengthen the digital economy, the government will focus on improving connectivity even in remote parts of the state, providing 24x7 electricity and reducing the rural-urban divide by establishing the needed infrastructure," he added.

Minister for Higher Education, IT & BT Dr C N Ashwath Narayan speaks at the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission office in Mysuru on Friday | UDAYSHANKAR S

He said that KDEM aims to attract investments in IT/ITeS sectors, including the agro-sector, and to create 10 lakh jobs by 2025. It works to achieve the target by focusing on five verticals of IT products and services, innovation and startups, electronic system design and manufacturing (ESDM), 'Beyond Bengaluru' and 'Talent Accelerator'.

Narayan said that the Covid-19 pandemic has given scope for a shift in investment from physical to virtual infrastructure. "Though there is a need for highways and rail networks, the need of the hour is broadband as the government has not only gone to the doorsteps of people, but to their fingertips," he added.

Emphasising on the need for quality education and skills to train human resources, he said that the new National Education Policy will help bring equality in education and will benefit the have-nots. The state's telecom policy will ensure that people across the state have access to better broadband and other Internet services, he added. On the occasion, he also rolled out 'Beyond Bengaluru 100-days plan' and an exclusive #FutureDigitalJobs@Mysuru initiative that aims to enable 2,000 fresh graduates in Karnataka to be industry-ready and provide them with job opportunities in the private sector in the next two months.

'NEP is student-centric'

Ashwath Narayan has assured to bring in more reforms in higher education. Speaking after launching the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 at the University of Mysore on Friday, he said, "The student-centric policy aims to nurture creativity, innovation, critical thinking and logical reasoning, besides making students aware of the rich heritage of our country."

'State tops in startups'

Additional Chief Secretary to the IT and BT Department, Dr E V Ramana Reddy has said Karnataka stands first in the country in having the highest number of startups and also in innovation index. He said that the State Government has sanctioned ₹2 crore to eight startups in Mysuru, besides setting up eight centres of excellence across Karnataka.

Union Minister of State A Narayanaswamy during the Jan Ashirwad Yatra in Chitradurga on Friday

Covid norms violated, admits Union Minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Chitradurga

THE Jan Ashirwad Yatra, a series of roadshows across the State, threw Covid protocols to the wind as a large number of people who attended these events neither ensured social distancing nor wore masks. Union ministers A Narayanaswamy, Bhagwant Khuba, Shobha Karandlaje, and Rajeev Chandrasekhar have been touring the State as part of the Jan Ashirwada Yatra.

In fact, Narayanaswamy openly accepted at an event in Gadag on Thursday that he violated the night curfew guidelines as it was already late by the time he reached Gadag. Since the State Government has banned large public gatherings, these ministers have been holding roadshows. But people have been thronging these meetings with scant regard for Covid rules.

Seeing that people were violating the norms at Davanagere on Thursday, Narayanaswamy requested them to wear masks and maintain social distancing. "Covid is not something we should neglect. I have faced its impact personally. Nothing is more precious than your lives," he advised. But they were in no mood to listen, even as local administration officials at Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Davangere and Haveri were mere spectators.

On Friday too, people were seen violating the norms during Narayanaswamy's visit to mutts in Chitradurga.

BJP state general secretary and MLC N Ravikumar had earlier said the party had given clear instructions to hold the yatra strictly adhering to Covid protocols, but it was unfortunate that crowds were gathering. KPCC spokesperson D Basavaraj said the police should take action against union ministers and organisers of Jan Ashirwada Yatras.

WAIT CONTINUES

Seven months on, work yet to begin on Anubhava Mantapa

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

NEARLY seven months after the former Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone for the Rs 500 crore Anubhava Mantapa at Basavakalyan in Bidar district, work is yet to commence on the much-awaited project. Yediyurappa had promised completion of the project in two years and said it would be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

However, even the detailed project report (DPR) for the project is yet to be prepared and without the DPR, tenders for the actual work cannot be floated, say officials. Yediyurappa had laid the foundation stone for the project ahead of the bypolls to Basavakalyan Assembly seat.

The Anubhava Mantapa, set up by 12th century reformer Basaveshwara, was the abode of great mysticism, spiritual awakening and religious discourse. It is considered as the 'first Parliament of the world'. The project to highlight the teachings of Basaveshwara was first proposed in 2016 by the then Siddaramaiah government.

Government sources told *TNIE* that based on conceptualised drawing, a proposal was placed before the government,

An artists' impression of the proposed Anubhava Mantapa

following which Yediyurappa laid the foundation stone. "But there has been no progress so far. We had called for tenders for the DPR and shortlisted a few Karnataka-based firms," an official said. "However, the firms are yet to submit the DPR. Without it, we cannot call for tenders. We are hoping they will submit the DPR and we will call for tenders by September and work can start in November. If we do not get proper bidders, the project will further get delayed," the official added.

The new Anubhava Mantapa will be of six floors supported by 770 pillars and built on the Chalukyan style of architecture. Also, an auditorium, with a seating capacity of 770, will come up. It is believed that there were 770 Sharanas (Basavanna's followers) in the Anubhava Mantapa.

While the project will come up on 101 acres, the actual structure will be built on 7.5 acres. Of the Rs 500 crore announced for the project in the budget, Rs 200 crore has already been released. Of the 101 acres, philanthropists have donated 11.25 acres. However, the land acquisition process has come to a halt as farmers are demanding higher compensation. Currently, soil testing is being done at the project site.

When asked about the foundation laying ceremony, the official said it was done based on the drawings. "We cannot take up the construction based on only that... we need a detailed project report'," the official added.

EXPRESS READ

Committee to pick 75 sportspersons from Karnataka for 2024 Paris Olympics

Bengaluru: The State Government has given administrative approval to the 'Amrith sports adoption programme' that was announced by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in his maiden speech on Independence Day. The mission was announced to train and encourage 75 talented sportspersons from Karnataka who have the potential to win medals in the 2024 Paris Olympics. The government also decided to constitute a high-powered committee headed by Youth Services and Sports Minister Narayan Gowda and consisting of eminent sportspersons to identify and nurture talent. Hockey player VR Raghunath, swimming coach Nihar Ameen and badminton player Anup Sridhar are among those who are part of the panel. Gowda said sportspersons from India did well in the recent Tokyo Games and preparations for the next edition of the games has to start now as the country is aiming to figure in the top 10 in the medal tally. The selected sportspersons will be provided with a maximum of ₹5 lakh financial assistance each year. ENS

Nelamangala Town police on Thursday arrested a 19-year-old boy for allegedly peddling drugs and seized 600 gram of ganja from him. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the house of Govindaraj at Indiranagar in Nelamangala, and seized the contraband worth Rs 28,000.

Submit reports early, HC tells labs

Says it's duty of forensic science laboratories to ensure speedy access to justice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

ACTING sou motu, the Karnataka High Court issued a series of interim directions to the state Forensic Science Laboratories (SFSLs) and Regional Forensic Science Laboratories (RFSLs) to expedite processing of samples and furnish analysis reports as early as possible to ensure speedy trial of criminal cases.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj said that only after an order was passed by one of them -- Justice Suraj Govindaraj – in a criminal petition did the State wake up and submit that it is taking certain action.

"It appears that the steps now being taken are literally baby steps and they are far too less compared to what action is required... Particularly as many of these forensic science test reports are required in criminal matters where many a time the accused is in judicial custody and trial is delayed due to non-receipt of the report, thereby impinging on the fundamental rights of the accused. This also has an impact on the victims and/or the families of the victims, who are subjected to trauma over an extended period of time due to the delay of the FSL. Thus, in our opinion, there is gross violation of Article 21 of the Constitution on account of state machinery not performing its duties. It is the obligation on the part of the state to provide speedy access to justice," the court observed.

The bench noted that it is rather shocking that one year is taken for chemical analysis, one-and-a-half years for computer forensics, mobile forensics, audio, video forensics, DNA analysis and questioned documents, due to lack of manpower and equipment. Surprisingly, a statement was made that there is no brain mapping and narco-tests in any of the state labs as there are no OT attenders, the court said.

WHAT'S AILING

PERSONNEL

468 Sanctioned strength

157 Actual strength

311 Vacancy

HC DIRECTIONS

Appoint 3 Joint Directors, 10 Deputy Directors, 25 Asst Directors, 39 Senior Scientific Officers, 20 Lab Attenders, OT Attenders

Out of 138 Scientific Officers' posts, 54 posts should be filled up by July 31, 2021, and 84 posts by March 31, 2022

Appointment of Scene of Crime Officer at all police stations should be made within 6 months

Lab Assistant and EEG Technicians should be filled up by August 31, 2021.

Research and Development Wing be established in SFSL, which should recommend introduction of new sections, latest equipment, identify refresher courses and training for officers

Additional Regional FSL at Hubballi and Ballari should operationalise all 13 sections within a year

State should release funds for procurement of all equipment to operationalise new sections, set up new labs

IN BROAD DAY

Elderly couple murdered in South Bengaluru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

AN elderly couple was found murdered at their house in Kumaraswamy Layout in broad daylight on Friday. City Police Commissioner Kamal Pant, along with senior officers, inspected the crime scene. Pant said that known people are behind the murder.

The deceased are P Shantharaju (65) and C Premalatha (61), residents of Kashinagar. Kanthraju was a mechanic with the BMTC before his retirement.

A senior police officer said that the incident took place between 1.30 pm and 3 pm. The assailants had tea with the couple before slitting the throat of Kantharaju and strangling Pramalatha with a cable. The incident came to light when their neighbour found the bodies and alerted the police. The assailants ransacked the bedroom and cupboard, but the police have no clue about what valuables were missing since the couple had no children or relatives. The couple had rented out two houses on the first and second floor and their tenants were not aware about the incident till the police reached the spot.

FSL experts conducted spot mahazar and found that the couple tried to escape from the attackers and both bodies were found in separate rooms on the ground floor where they were staying.

Woman ends life, cops say domestic row

BENGALURU: A 27-year-old woman ended her life by suicide at her house in Ejipura under Viveknagar police station limits on Thursday night, allegedly over a domestic row. Smitha Sadanandan was a resident of Ejipura 23rd Cross and hailed from Kozhikode in Kerala. She was married to Vishu, who works in a private company, and the couple have a son. She was working as an HR professional and had resigned recently.

Police said the couple had a fight over an issue on Thursday night after which they slept in separate rooms. On Friday morning, Vishu found her hanging. "Preliminary probe revealed that she was seeking divorce, but the husband was not agreeable. We are waiting for the arrival of her parents from Kerala," the police added. ENS

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client **Mr. Champalal S/o. Late Mohanlalji,** has negotiated for purchase the below mentioned Property from its owners Smt. Gayathri Raveesh, Sri. R. Chenraj, Smt. K. Latha and Smt. Pumani, all are at No.199/B, 7th B Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru.

Any person/s, banks, private/financial Sectors etc., having any claim, right, share or interest over the schedule property, shall file his/her/their/its objections in writing along with original documents with the under signed within **15 days** from the date of this publication.

Any objections on & after 15 days, shall not be entertained & my client shall proceed with sale transaction, presuming that there are no claim/s what so ever of anyone over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

Property **No. 199/B**, having PID No.60-152-70, **7th B Main Road, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560011** measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet, together with RCC roofed building and bounded on:

East by : 7th B Main Road,
West by : Private Property No.200/B,
North by : Private Property No.199/A,
South by : Private Property No.199/C,

A.N. Krishna, Advocate, #7, 2nd Floor, B.R. Ramu Building, Diagonal Road, V.V. Puram,Bengaluru-560004.

Place : Bengaluru Dated: 20/08/2021

RAIL WHEEL FACTORY

Yelahanka, BANGALORE - 560 064
Website: www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Tender Notice No. RWF/W/21-22/05 Dated: 20.08.2021

E- TENDERS: On Behalf of the President of India, the Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website http://www.ireps.gov.in (Works)

Sl No	Tender No.	Description	Estimated Value in ₹	Tender Opening Date
01	W.496/RWF/YNK/961	Renovation Work in Railway Hospital at West Colony of RWF	3902030.01	20/09/2021
02	W.496/RWF/YNK/962	AMC for operation and maintenance of Bio-Methanisation plant inside plant premises of RWF for a period of 3 years (36 months)	919256.04	20/09/2021
03	W.496/RWF/YNK/964	Proposed rectification and rail replacement work in Axle Forge Shop (From column no. 19 to 29, Grid O' and M')	2037572.85	20/09/2021
04	W.496/RWF/YNK/963	Execution of exterior painting work for Quarters, Service Building etc in West Colony and East Colony of RWF	12779632.83	21/09/2021
05	W.496/RWF/YNK/965	Improvements to quarters at West Colony of RWF - Phase I	16156539.54	21/09/2021

This tender notice can be viewed on our website -www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in

Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. and Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (Rs.)
1.	05211356 16.09.2021	Set of Pillar for LHB AC Coaches	83 Set	88,590/-
2.	05211369 16.09.2021	Set of Carlines Complete for LHB AC 3 Tier Economy Class	80 Set	1,26,600/-
3.	05211355 15.09.2021	Roof Arch for AC 3 Tier LHB Coaches	5703 Nos.	1,39,690/-
4.	07211479 13.09.2021	Elbow (Elastometric Seal) P.L. No. 33615408	12400 Nos.	53,850/-
5.	07211478 13.09.2021	Stand Pipe Elbow P.L. No. 33614362	9940 Nos.	60,290/-
6.	12211236 15.09.2021	Gangway Bridge Mounting	672 Nos.	73,740/-
7.	15215212 14.09.2021	Laying of Synthetic Hockey Turf Six-A-Side (5S Court)/Warm Up Area (size-42x24 Mtr) along with other required facilities as per Annexure-A & Annexure-B, as per Drawing: As per Annexure -"A" and Annexure-"B"	1 Nos.	1,59,380/-

1. For details and making on-line tenders, visit website **http://ireps.gov.in**. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in**. Class IIIB digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in**. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 hrs. Tender at Sr. No. 1 to 5 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delh and Sr. No. 6 & 7 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

CORRIGENDUM

Tenderers may please note the following changes in Tender No. 17211395 for Procurement of Set of Seats and Berths LHB Coaches (PU Foam) (5 Types). Due Date to be read as 24.08.2021 instead of 20.08.2021. **All other terms & conditions will remain the same.**

PCMM

Tender No. RCF/122-01/Stores/053/2021-22 Dated 20.08.2021

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

PRADHANMANTRI KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA

RAIL KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA

Notice for the Application of 'Kaushal Vikas Training Program' in 'Electrician, Fitter, Machinist and Welding' Trade for year 2021-22 (1st and 2nd Batch).

A short term (3 Weeks) Kaushal Vikas Training Program (Skill Development) is being organized by South Western Railway, Hubballi for the Youths under **'RAIL KAUSHAL VIKAS YOJNA'.** Each Trade will have 15 Males / Females in this Training Program and this program is **free of cost.**

Eligibility : 1. Matriculation (10th Standard Pass) **2.** Age - 18-35 Years (as on 31st August 2021). Interested candidates may obtain form from SWR Website or download from the Website **www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in** Please do mention full name, Father's name, Address, Educational qualification and Mobile No. / e-mail in the application form.

Self-attested photocopy of the following documents are required along with application. Mark sheet of Matriculation (if date of birth not mentioned on mark sheet then certificate also) and for proof of Identity - any one document out of Aadhar Card, Voter ID Card, Driving License or Ration Card. Application will not be accepted if the above required documents are not submitted along with the application form. Candidates will be selected on the basis of the Marks obtained in the matriculation.

Application duly filled can be submitted physically / by post on the address given below within prescribed time in your city / district / zone.

BASIC TRAINING CENTRE, CARRIAGE REPAIR WORKSHOP, HUBBALLI

For assistance, may contact to : Shri Chowda Reddy (Chief Workshop Instructor) Mobile No. 9731665475. Shri S.V. Shenvi (Dy. CWM, Hubballi Workshop) Mobile No. 9731665451

BASIC TRAINING CENTRE, CARRIAGE REPAIR WORKSHOP, MYSURU

For assistance, may contact to : Shri Basavalingappa (Chief Workshop Instructor) Mobile No. 7624979654. Shri K.V. Krishna Raju (Dy. CWM, Mysuru Workshop) Mobile No. 9731667455

MULTI DISIPLINARY DIVISIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE, BENGALURU

For assistance, may contact to : Shri Shanmsuddin (Chief Instructor C&W) Mobile No. 8050266103. Shri H. Vijya Kumar (Dy. Director, MDDTI/SBC) Mobile No. 9731665456

Application will be accepted only till 5:00 PM on 05-09-2021.

List of selected candidates for the Training Program will be displayed on the Notice Board List of TTC on 08-09-2021 and the selected candidates will also be informed personally on the mobile number / e-mail mentioned in their application.

- **Training of 1st Batch for each trade will be conducted from 13-09-2021 to 05-10-2021 and for 2nd Batch from 18-10-2021 to 09-11-2021 on Monday to Friday 9:00 AM to 16:00 PM & on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 13:00 PM.**
- **Detailed information is available on above mentioned Website.**

PUB/152/AAS/PRB/SWR/2021-22 **Chief Workshop Engineer, Hubballi**

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Form No. 18
Notice for appearance in Appeals Order 41 Rule 14 CPC and Rules 1,2,4 and 11 of Chapter IV Karnataka High Court Rules

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

MFA No. 4934/2018 (MV-DB)

Appellant: MIS B K SWETHA D/O KEMPAIAH K M, AGED ABOUT 26 YEARS R/AT NO.139, BS MAIN ROAD, WILSON GARDEN, BANGALORE-560027. By Sri A K BHAT ADV.

-Vs-

Respondents: MR R SRINIVASA RAO S/O B N RAMACHANDRA RAO, MAJOR IN AGE R/AT NO.241/3, 7TH MAIN, 7TH CROSS, 1ST FLOOR, RPC LAYOUT, VIJAYANAGAR 2ND STAGE, BANGALORE-40. (OWNER OF MARUTHI VAN BEARING NO.CTT-1158) AND OTHERS

Appeal From the Judgement/Award/Order passed on 23/02/2018 in MVC No. 5976/2013 on the file of the XXII ASCJ & XX ACMM & MEMBER MACT, BENGALURU (SCCH-24).

To: Respondent No.1 & R3

1. MR R SRINIVASA RAO S/O B N RAMACHANDRA RAO, MAJOR IN AGE R/AT NO.241/3, 7th MAIN, 7th CROSS, 1st FLOOR, RPC LAYOUT, VIJAYANAGAR 2nd STAGE, BANGALORE-40. (OWNER OF MARUTHI VAN BEARING NO.CTT-1158)

3. MR MAHADEVA S/O DODDALINGE GOWDA, MAJOR IN AGE R/AT NO.158/A, GURU SARVGNA NAGAR, MYSORE ROAD, R R GATE, BANGALORE-39. (OWNER OF MOTOR CYCLE BEARING NO KA-41-L-6536).

Whereas the aforementioned Appeal preferred as in the copy of the memorandum annexed hereunto, has been registered by this Court.

E/NOTICE IS HEREBY given to you to appear in this court in person or through an Advocate duly instructed or through some one authorised by law to act for you in this case on **27.09.2021** at 10.30 a.m.,in case you intend to contest the appeal. If you fail so to appear, the appeal will be dealt with, heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on Monday the 09th day of August 2021.

By order of the Court, Venkateshaiah, Asst. Registrar, High Court of Karnataka, Bangalore.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

MFA No. 4935/2018 (MV-DB)

Appellant: SMT SOWMYA P W/o NAGEEN HEGDE, AGED ABOUT 27 YEARS, R/AT NO.145, 2nd MAIN, SUNKADAKATTE, SRIGANDADA KAVALU, BANGALORE-560091. By Sri A K BHAT ADV.

-Vs-

Respondents: MR R SRINIVASA RAO S/o B N RAMACHANDRA RAO, MAJOR IN AGE R/AT NO.241/3, 7th MAIN, 7th CROSS, 1st FLOOR, RPC LAYOUT, VIJAYANAGAR 2nd STAGE, BANGALORE-40. (OWNER OF MARUTHI VAN BEARING NO.CTT-1158) AND OTHERS

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THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Properties)

WHEREAS, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued Demand Notices calling upon the following borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest/cost etc within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice. Details of demand notices such as date of issue and loan outstanding amount are mentioned against each borrower hereunder.

1. **Name of the Borrowers : Sri.Janardhan S/o Hanumanth**
Demand Notice date : 07.12.2020 & News paper publication in 'The New Indian Express' and 'Kannada Prabha' on 31.12.2020 A/c No. :HTL 38625193252
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice: Rs. 39,95,744/- (Rupees ThirtyNine Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Four only) as on 04.12.2020.and interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 17.08.2021
Loan Outstanding amount : Rs.41,68,881/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty One only) as on 12.08.2021 and interest + expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: Absolute Sale Deed No.BSK-1-05546-2019-20, CD No.BSKD611, Dated:24.07.2019, SRO: Basavanagudi (Bhanashankari), Bengaluru ,
All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing No.115, E.Katha No.150200102701021094 in Ground Floor, super built-up area 942 Sq.feet, the Apartment building known as "PUSHPAM E TOWN" with one covered Car parking space, along with 0.50% with un divided share, right, title and interest measuring about 307.0 sq.feet in the land item.No.1 & item No.2 flat is bounded on East by: Common Corridor, West by: OTS, North by: Apartment No.111 and South by: Common Corridor, built according to plan approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.CC/526/2013-14 dated 30.10.2013 on single site approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.LAO/34/2012-13, standing in the name of Sri.Janardhan , the apartment building constructed on
Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 31(Thirty One) Guntas comprised in Sy.No.164/3 of S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated 16.12.2008 bearing No.ALN (AS)SR/54/2008-09 issued by the District Commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on East by: Land bearing Sy.No.164/2, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.164/1 and South by: Land bearing Sy.No.165.
Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 25 (Twenty Five) Guntas comprised in Sy.No.165/1 of S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated: 22.07.2010 bearing No.ALN(ASH)/SR/22/2010-11 issued by the District commissioner, Bangalore District) and bounded on East by: Land bearing Sy.No.172, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.164 and South by: Land bearing Sy.No.165/2.

2. **Name of the Borrowers :** Sri.Pradeep Kasilinka S/o. Ramkrishna Kasilinka and Smt.Pavana Deepthi Kavuri W/o. Pradeep Kasilinka
Demand Notice date : 07.12.2020, & News paper publication in 'The New Indian Express' and 'Kannada Prabha' on 31.12.2020 A/c No. :HTL- 39010911901
Loan Outstanding amount as per demand notice : Rs.74,62,170/- (Rupees Seventy Four Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy only) as on 04.12.2020.and interest & expenses thereon
Possession Taken date : 17.08.2021
Loan Outstanding amount :Rs.78,20,814/- (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Twenty Thousand Eight Hundred Fourteen only) as on 12.08.2021 and interest + expenses thereon.
Description of the immovable property: Sale Deed No.BSK-1-12495-2019-20 dated:20.12.2019, CD No.BSKD717 at SRO: Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru.
All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing No.317, E.Katha No.150200102701021029 in Second Floor, superbuiltup area 1676 Sq.feet, the Apartment building known as "PUSHPAM E TOWN" with one covered Car parking space, with 0.89% with undivided share, right, title and interest measuring about 546.0 Sq.feet in the land item.No.1 & item No.2 built according to plan approved by Anekal Planing Authority vide its order No.CC/526/2013-14 dated 30.10.2013 on single site approved by Anekal Planning Authority vide its order No.LAO/34/2012-13, flat is bounded on East by: Apartment No.318, West by: Flat No.322, North by: Common Corridor and South by: OTS Road and standing in the name of Sri.Pradeep Kasilinka S/o.Ramakrishna Kasilinka, the apartment building constructed on
Item No.1 : All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 31(Thirty One) Guntas comprised in Sy.No.164/3 of S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated 16.12.2008 bearing No.ALN (AS) SR/54/2008-09 issued by the District Commissioner, Bangalore District and bounded on East by: Land bearing Sy.No.164/2, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.164/1 and South by: Land bearing Sy.No.165.
Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land measuring an extent of 25 (Twenty Five) Guntas comprised in Sy.No.165/1 of S.Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (duly converted vide official Memorandum dated: 22.07.2010 bearing No.ALN(ASH)/SR/22/2010-11 issued by the District commissioner, Bangalore District and bounded on East by: Land bearing Sy.No.172, West by: Land bearing Sy.No.72, North by: Land bearing Sy.No.164 and South by: Land bearing Sy.No.165/2.

The above mentioend borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantor/ mortgagers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on above mentioned date.

The borrowers//guarantor/ mortgagers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **State Bank of India,** for amount mentioned against their names with further interest accrued and cost/ expenses thereon. The borrower's/guarantor's/mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date :17.08.2021
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
RACPC III BANASWADI, BENGALURU

Bank of India

Bengaluru Zone: #11, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-09 Tel: 080-2295 9407/08, Fax: 080-22289054

E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the **Authorized Officer of BANK OF INDIA,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **07-09-2021, for recovery of Rs.48,07,419.10** (Rupees Forty Eight Lakhs Seven Thousand Four Hundred Nineteen and Ten Paise Only) with further interest @ 11.95% p.a. with monthly rests from **31-08-2019** and costs and charges due to **BANK OF INDIA, Bangalore SME Branch** from **M/s Arunachaleshwara Translogistics India Pvt Limited, Mr.Aiyappan B (Director), Mr. A Suresh Kumar (Director).** The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:

Description of the Immoveable Property

1) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.316, forming a part Survey No.84/3, vide BDA approved plan No. BDA/TPM/31/12-13/64-67 dated 13.02.2013 situated at Doddanagamangala village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk in the layout known as "Reliaable Gardeniaa", Bangalore, measuring on the East:30 feet, On the West: 30 feet, on the North: 50 feet, and on the South: 50 feet, admeasuring to 1500 sq.ft owned by Mr. A Suresh Kumar. Boundaries: East by : Site No.301, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 315, South by : Site No.317.

Reserve Price : Rs.52,50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Fifty Thousand only)
EMD : Rs.5,25,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only)

2) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.317, forming a part Survey No.84/3, vide BDA approved plan No. BDA/TPM/31/12-13/64-67 dated 13.02.2013 situated at Doddanagamangala village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk in the layout known as "Reliaable Gardenia", Bangalore, measuring on the East:30 feet, On the West: 30 feet, on the North: 50 feet, and on the South: 50 feet, admeasuring to 1500 sq.ft owned by Mr. A Suresh Kumar. Boundaries: East by : Site No.300, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 316, South by : Site No.318.

Reserve Price : Rs.52,50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakh Fifty Thousand only)
EMD : Rs.5,25,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Five Thousand only)

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.boi.auctiontiger.net.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders**

Date & Time of E-auction: 07-09-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 19.08.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Bank of India

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E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **BANK OF INDIA**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **07-09-2021**, for recovery of **Rs.51,08,650/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Eight Thousand Six Hundred And Fifty)**+ interest **@ 9.05%** p.a. compounded with monthly rests from **16-11-2019** for Housing loan, and costs and other charges due to **BANK OF INDIA, Electronic City Branch** from **Mr. Srinivasa Murthy (Borrower).** The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:

Description of the Immovable Property

Schedule A property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential immovable property bearing BBMP Khata No.2561/2047/4/31/32/1/ 35/224/223/195/196 situated at Padma Upadyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk formed in the residentially converted land bearing Sy. No.31,32/1 and 35 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 31.12.1973, No.ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of BBMP measuring East to West 70ft and North to South 120ft totally measuring 8400sq ft. Boundaries: East by : Road, West by: Road, North by : Site No.197 & Site No. 222, South by - Site No.194 & Site No. 225.

Reserve Price : Rs.42,50,000/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)
EMD Rs. Rs. 4,25,000/-(Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Five Thousand Only)

Schedule B property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (Residential Flat) No. G-105,Ground floor,South facing in the residential apartment complex building known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" with a super builtup area of 1200 sqft together with 290sq.ft of undivided share of right, title and interest in the "A" Schedule property with one covered car parking space in the Stilt Floor and the building is of RCC Roofing, Vitrified Tiles Floors, Sal Wood Doors and Aluminum Windows and separate electricity connections, common water and sanitation, including all rights, privileges there to and constructed on the property bearing BBMP Khata No.2561/2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196 situated at Padma Upadyaya Layout, Nagadevanahalli village ,Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk formed in the residentially converted land bearing Sy. Nos. 31, 32/1 and 35 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (converted vide Official Memorandum dated 31.12.1973 No.ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore) presently within the revenue administrative jurisdiction of BBMP owned by Mr. Srinivas Murthy.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders**

Date & Time of E-auction: 07-09-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 19.08.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **BANK OF INDIA,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 07-09-2021**, for recovery of **Rs.22,19,320/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty) + interest @ 10.30% p.a.** with monthly rests from **31-08-2019** and costs and charges due to **BANK OF INDIA, Bangalore Main Branch** from **M/s V3 Holidays, Mr. K R Manjunatha (Director), Mr. K H Bharathi (Director).** The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:

Reserve Price : Rs.94,85,000/- (Rupees Ninety Four Lakhs Eighty Five Thousand only)

EMD : Rs.9,48,500/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Five Hundred only)

Description of the Immoveable Property

1) All that piece and parcel of the residential Flat bearing Flat No. F-2, 1st floor, 1st cross, measuring 1100 sq.ft and undivided interest of 300 sq.ft in the residential building known as 'Raghavendra Residency' constructed on site bearing no.2/19 formed in survey no.2 of Geddaalahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, owned by Mrs. K H Bharathi and Ms. Harshitha R Narayan. Boundaries of the property: East by : Site No.2/20, West by : Site No.2/18, North by : Site No.2/10, South by : Road.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders**

Date & Time of E-auction: 07-09-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 19.08.2021 — Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru — Bank of India

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

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Asset Recovery Management Branch, 1st Floor, FKCCI Building, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-560009
Phone: 080-22955928(Gen)/929(CM)
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Website: www.karnatakabank.com
CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE
(For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **Karnataka Bank Limited,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **29-05-2021** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagor/guarantor **(1) Mr.Munishamachary,** S/o Mr.Lakshmanachary, **(2) Mr.Venkatesh,** S/o Mr.Munishamachary, **No.1 & 2 are residing at:** No. 36, Janatha Colony, 6th Circle, Sulebele, Hoskote, Bengaluru Rural-562129 to repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,82,480=00 [Rupees One Lakh Eighty Two Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Only]** under **TL A/c No.7107001600027801** along with future interest from **03-05-2021,** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, mortgagor and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagor, guarantor and the public in general **that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **19th day of August-2021.**

The borrowers, the mortgagor and the guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Limited, Sulebele Branch** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.1,89,362=33 [Rupees One Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Two And Paise Thirty Three Only]** under **TL A/c No.7107001600027801** along with future interest from **03-08-2021,** plus costs.

(The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub- section (8) of Sec.13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of **Residential Site No.36,** measuring **1,350.00 Sq.ft,** [East to West: 45.00 Ft and North to South : 30.00 Ft] bearing Khata No.619, Kaneshumari No.659/A, together with building constructed thereon situated at Sulebele Village and Hobli, Hoskote Taluk belonging to **Mr.Munishamachary. Boundaries as per documents : East :** 15 Ft Road, **West:** 20 Ft Road, **North :** Private Property, **South:** 20 Ft Road.

Place: Sulebele Village, Hoskote Taluk
Date: 19.08.2021
Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

SUNDARAM HOME

Regd Office: No. 21, Patullos Road, Chennai-600 002.
Corporate Office: 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600 014.
Branch Office: Old No. 1947, New No. 19, 2nd Floor, 9th Block, 28th Main, South 'D' Main Road, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 069.
Phone: 080 - 2649 3737 / 2649 4747

POSSESSION NOTICE

Rule 8(2) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Whereas the authorized officer of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD** Erstwhile SUNDARAM BNP PARIBAS HOME FINANCE LTD., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **Demand Notice U/s. 13(2) dated 03-09-2018** calling upon the Borrower **Mr. Ravikumar R, Co-Borrower, Mrs. Sudha N** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 17,44,619/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Forty Four Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen Only)** being the amount due and payable under the **Loan Account number 80005462** + interest @36% p.a from 01-06-2018 + Future Interest + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges within 60 days from the date of publication of the notice on 03-09-2018.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower having failed to repay the amount in full, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, Co-Borrower and the public in general that the Authorised Officer has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on this **17-08-2021.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrower, Co-Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD.,** for an amount **Rs. 17,16,905/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred Five Only) as of 17-08-2021** and interest thereon @ 24% p. a. + Statutory Expenditure + Legal expenses + Incidental charges.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

A Flat measuring 1260 Sq.ft of plinth area in the rear side of the 1st floor of the building named as "KRISHNA GLOBAL VILLAMETNS" together with 594.125 Sq.t of undivided share out of larger extent land measuring 38,024 sq.ft, bearing Khatha No.3614, Site Nos.2528 & 2542, Flat No.104, Flat No.4, Halagevaderahalli, Bangalore, comprised in Sy.No.25, Situated at Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Boundries for the Entire land **Bounded on the:** North By: Remaining portion of same Sy. No. 25 and Road in the same Sy. No. 25, South By: Pattanagere Main Road, East By: Private Property, West By: Road and Remaning Portion of same Sy. No. 25. Within the Registration District of Bangalore, Sub-Registration District of Bangalore South Taluk. Which is more fully and particularly described in the Title Deed No. 3080/09-10.

Date: 17.08.2021 — **for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER**

Bank of India

Bengaluru Zone: #11, Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru-09 Tel: 080-2295 9407/08, Fax: 080-22289054

E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **BANK OF INDIA,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **07-09-2021,** for recovery of **Rs.51,12,464 /- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Twelve Thousand Four Hundred And Sixty Four)** + interest **@ 8.90% p.a.** compounded with monthly rests from **04-12-2019** for Housing loan, and costs and other charges due to **BANK OF INDIA, Electronic City Branch** from **Mr. Nandeesh N S (Borrower), Mrs. Manasa B (Co-Borrower).** The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:

Description of the Immovable Property

Schedule 'A' property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property (Residential Flat) bearing Nos. 195, 196, 223, 224, BBMP Khata 2561, New No.2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196, measuring East to West: 70ft and North to South: 120ft, total admeasuring 8400sq.ft carved out of the converted portion of the land in Sy Nos. 31, 32/1 and 35 vide conversion order bearing No. ALN. SR.2017/1970-71 dated 31.12.1973 situated at Padma Upadya Layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Boundaries: East by: Road, West by: Road, North by:Site No.197 & Site No. 222, South by:Site No.194 & Site No. 225.

Schedule B property: Residential Flat bearing No. F-406,4th floor situated at Padma Upadya layout, Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli , Bangalore South Taluk in the building known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" consisting two bed rooms with kitchen, Dining, living rooms with vitrified flooring ,Sal Wood Doors, Aluminium windows and separate electricity connection, common water and sanitation with super built up area of 1439 sq ft along with and undivided share of 338 sq.ft., having one covered park ,with other common areas in the Schedule A property and the terrace space, passage, pipes, drains and lift ,lobbies, staircase etc. owned by Mr. Nandeesh N.S.

Reserve Price : Rs.50,63,000/- (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Only)

EMD Rs. Rs.5,06,300/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Six Thousand Three Hundred Only)

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders**

Date & Time of E-auction: 07-09-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 19.08.2021 — Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore — Bank of India

UCO BANK
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Vijayanagara Branch (2009)
1263, KHB Colony, Magadi Main Rd, Bengaluru,
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POSSESSION NOTICE
See Rule - 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **UCO Bank,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice on below mentioned dates calling upon the below mentioned borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices below within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices.

The borrowers/ guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic/Constructive possession of these properties described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her sub-section 4 of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on below mentioned dates.

The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with these properties and any dealing with these properties will be subject to the charge of **UCO Bank Vijayanagara Branch (2009)** for an below mentioned amount.

The borrowers/guarantors attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured asset.

1. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: 1) Mr. Nagappa S/o Sangappa **(Main Applicant) 2) Mrs. Bhima Bai,** W/o Nagappa **(Co-Applicant) 3) Mr.Rajashekar N,** S/o Nagappa **(Guarantor)**
Amount Outstanding : Rs.35,60,150/- (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Sixty Thousand One Hundred Fifty only) as on **09.04.2021** with interest charged up to **30.11.2020** with further interest w.e.f **01.12.2020** and incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. there on.
LOAN A/C NO:- 20090610012192
Demand Notice Date: 22.04.2021 — Possession Notice Date: 18.08.2021
Description of Immovable Property
Title Deed No- 34784/03-04, dt:-12-12-2003
All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Site No.5 (Western Portion), Khata No.23, Assessment no. 56/1, Doddabidarakallu Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 15 Ft and North to South 50 sq ft ,Totally 750 sqft. and bounded on: East by : Remaining portion of same property, West by : Private property, North by : Private property, South by : Road.
In The Name of :- Mr. Nagappa S/o Sangappa.

2. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: 1) Mr. Gani Sab S/o Muktam Sab **(Main Applicant) 2) Mrs. Nasima Banu,** W/o Gani Sab **(Co-Applicant)**
Amount Outstanding : Rs.17,20,404.46/- (Rupees Seventeen Lakhs Twenty Thousand Four Hundred Four and Forty six paise only) as on **09.04.2021** with interest charged up to **30.11.2020** with further interest w.e.f **01.12.2020** and incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. there on.
LOAN A/C NO:- 20090610013236
Demand Notice Date: 21.04.2021 — Possession Notice Date: 18.08.2021
Description of Immovable Property
Title Deed No- 0985 /16-17, dt:-18-05-2016
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.100 (Eastern Portion), Assessment No.58 & 59, Present BBMP Ward No.40, Khatha No.739, PID NO.040-W0524-8, Doddabidarkallu Village, Yashwantpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South 30 feet, Total Measuring 600 sq feet and bounded on: East by : Site no.61, West by : Remaining Western side of same site measuring east to west 21 and north to south 30 sq feet North by : Site no.99, South by : Road. **In The Name Of :- Mr. Gani Sab.**

3. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: 1) Mr. Puttaraju C, S/o Mr. Channahanumaiah **(Main Applicant) 2) Mrs. Lakshmi,** W/o Mr. Puttaraju C **(Co-Applicant)**
Amount Outstanding : Rs.41,08,051/- (Rupees Forty One Lakhs Eight Thousand Fifty One only) as on **31.03.2021** with interest being charged upto **31.10.2020** with further interest w.e.f **01.11.2020** and incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. there on.
LOAN A/C NO:- 20090610014318
Demand Notice Date: 22.04.2021 — Possession Notice Date: 18.08.2021
Description of Immovable Property
Title Deed No- 9363/17-18, dt:- 03-02-2018
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.76, situated at Andrahalli Village, Vishwaneedam Post, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to west northern side 77.5 feet, Southern side 70 and north to south eastern 40 feet and western side 38 feet, totally measuring 2876.25 sq feet and bounded on: East by : Road and Sri.Srinivasa's Property, West by : Sri.Ollappa's land, North by : Sri.Poojappa's land, South by : Sri. Seethappa's land.
In The Name of :- Mr. Puttaraju C S/o Mr. Channahanumaiah.

4. Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantor: 1) Mr. Srinath M K, S/o Late M.N. Krishnamurthy **(Main Applicant) 2) Mrs. Namratha N R,** W/o Mr. Srinath M K **(Co-Applicant)**
Amount Outstanding : Rs.18,25,568.49/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Eight and Forty Nine Paise only) as on **31.03.2021** with interest being charged upto **30.09.2020** with further interest w.e.f **01.10.2020** and incidental expenses, cost & charges etc. there on.
LOAN A/C NO:- 20090610014448
Demand Notice Date: 22.04.2021 — Possession Notice Date: 18.08.2021
Description of Immovable Property
Title Deed No- 41931/03-04, Dt:- 29-01-2004
All that piece and parcel of the residential property Bearing No.12, BBMP Khata no.82/10/12, Portion of property no.10, situated at 8th cross, 1st Main Road, Raghavendra Nagar, Andhrahalli, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently within the limits of ward no 40, Doddabidarkallu ward, Herohalli sub-division of BBMP, measuring East to west 50 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1500 sq feet and bounded on: East by : Site no.33, West by : Road, North by : Site no.11, South by : Site no.13.
In The Name Of :- MR. M. K. Srinath, S/o Late M.N. Krishnamurty

Date : 18.08.2021 — Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore — UCO Bank

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Lost and Found

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client named as Parveen Sultana, W/o (Late) Mohammed Saleem K, has lost the Original Sale deed (and other related documents) bearing Doc No INR-1-09431-2016-17, C.D.INRD186, Dtd 16.03.2017 registered with the Sub Registrar's Office, Indiranagar relating to Property bearing No 20/1, Khata No 143/20/1, New PID No 025-W1097-13, situated at 3rd Cross, Maruti Enclave, Hosa Rajanna Badawane, Horamavu, B'lore-43. If found please contact the undersigned at #413, 6th A Main, HRBR 2nd block, B'lore or on +91-7406974512 within 15 days of the notice given. The general public is hereby informed that any transaction pertaining to the above property or the documents of the above property without explicit written consent of my client shall be liable for prosecution.

IRFANA NAZEER & ASSOCIATES
Advocates & Consultants
2nd Floor, 16/1, 1st Cross, CSI Compound Mission Road, Bangalore-560027
PH No: 08043721840/8660018742
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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mrs. MAHABOOB MUMTAJ, W/o.Mr.Rahim Abdul Wajid,** Residing at Cox Town, Bangalore-560 005, intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from the vendor Sri.Wing Commander Deva Rao Belle (Ret), S/o.Late.Sri.B.B.Rao, Residing at # 15-7-357, Hema Mandir Kadri Road, Opp:C.V.Naik Hall, Kodiyalbail, Mangalore-575 003, Who claims to be the Absolute owner thereof by virtue of an Absolute Sale Deed dated:29-09-1999 executed by the BDA Authorities.

Any person who has got any Right, Title, Interest or claim and objections if any to the proposed sale transaction may write to the undersigned with documentary proof within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of Publication of this Notice, failing which it is presumed that there are no claims, and no objections, and my client will proceed with the said sale transaction and no claims or objections will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of BDA Residential Vacant Site Bearing **No.495,** situated at **1st Stage, 3rd Block Extension, H.B.R.Layout, Bangalore**
Measuring :
East to West : 40 feet;
North to South : 60 feet;
BOUNDED ON THE :
East By : Site Bearing No.494;
West By : Site Bearing No.496;
North By : Site Bearing No.504;
South By: Road;

ABDUL LATEEF KHAN
Advocate, M.A.,LL.B.,
No.16, 12th Cross, B.S.A. Road, 1st Stage, Pillanna Garden, B'lore-84. M-9845110533
Place : Bangalore — Date : 20-08-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. Rathan J K S/o Jayakumar V.L is intending to purchase the Schedule property to purchase the schedule property from its absolute owners Mr.Nayaz Pasha, Imtiaz Pasha, Sheik Ahmed, Parveen Banu & Haseema Banu all the children of late Fazal Ahmned

If any other person/s have any legal rights or title or claim or interest or demand of charge over the schedule property they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s with the undersigned along with related copies of the documents upon which they are relying, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no valid objection is received as aforesaid by the undersigned with in time stipulated above, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction deeming that apart from the said owners, no one else have any manner of claim over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural property bearing Sy.No. 21/13 (Old No. 21/5) measuring 1 Acre 32 guntas situated Ittigehalli Village, Mayasandra Hobli, Turuvekere Taluk, Tumkur district and bounded on as follows:
EAST BY : Sy.No.21/6
WEST BY : Sy.No.21/4
NORTH BY : Sy.No.21/12 (Old No.12/5)
SOUTH BY : Sy.No.91

Srikantham.V.R. Advocates.
No.310, 60 feet Road, Talakaveri Layout Amruthahalli, Bangalore 560 092.
Mob. No. 98451 04859

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that, our client Sri. B.N. Krishnegowda has entered an Agreement of Sale/s dated: 23.07.2021, registered as documents No. DBP-1-03655/2020-21, Stored in C.D No. DBPD1087 and Document No.DBP-1-03656/2020-21, Stored in C.D. No.DBPD1087, both are registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura, with respect to Schedule Properties from its owner Sri. Thimmaiah.P son of late Puttaiah residing at No. 23, 8th Cross, M.S.R. Nagara, Bengaluru – 560 054. The said owner further represent that, he is the true, lawful and absolute owner in possession and enjoyment over the Schedule Properties, having acquired the same by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated: 16-12-2005, registered as Document No.DBPD-1-04084/2005-06, Stored in C.D. No.DBPD64 and Sale Deed dated: 14.12.2005, registered as Document No.DBPD-1-04030/2005-06, Stored in C.D. No.DBPD63, both are registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Doddaballapura, respectively having marketable rights, title and interest in the Schedule Properties hereunder and further represents that, he has not mortgaged or created any line or encumbrance or not executed any types of documents over the Schedule Properties.

Any person(s) or entity(s) having or claiming or asserting to have any rights, title, demands and interests regarding the Schedule Properties or any part thereof any nature whatsoever and / or any claim by, under, or any sale, exchange, mortgage line, charge, trust or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever over the Schedule Properties or any part of would required to give notice in writing to the undersigned of any such claim accompanied with all necessary supporting documents within 10(ten) days from this publication, failing which it will be presumed that no one has any right title, claim or interest in the Schedule Properties and no claims or objections of any sort from any person will be entertained and / or taken into consideration thereafter and shall not be binding our client and our client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction, covered under the said Agreement of Sale/s.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

SCHEDULE-A: All that Piece and Parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing Sy. No.29/6 measuring to an extent of 0.10.12.00 Guntas, situated at Kathihosahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on East by : Land belongs to Adaviyappa, West by : Land belongs to Veeradasappa, presently Sy.No. 29/7,North by: Kolara – Sompura Road, South by: Land belongs to Thimmaiah.

SCHEDULE-B: All that Piece and Parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing Sy. No.32/8B measuring to an extent of 0.16.00.00 Guntas, situated at Kathihosahalli Village, Doddabelavangala Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District and bounded on East by: Land belongs to Siddagangaiah, West by: Land belongs to Sanjeevaiah / Sy.No.29/7, North by: Land belongs to Sathyanarayan, presently land belongs to Thimmaiah, South by: Land belongs to Sanjeevaiah, presently Sy.No.32/23,

Sd/- V.N. Rudresha,
R & R Associates
Advocates & Solicitors
No. 90/1-1, 1st Floor, 5th Cross, Malleshwaram Circle, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-03.
Mobile No: 9880435398
Date: 20.08.2021

भारत सरकार / Government of India,
परमाणु ऊर्जा विभाग / Department of Atomic Energy,
नाभिकीय ईंधन सम्मिश्र / Nuclear Fuel Complex,

Power Distribution, 2nd Floor, Sarathi Building, ECIL Post, Hyderabad – 500 062

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S. No.	Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	(EMD) (Rs.)	E-tender processing fee	Tender sale period	Last Date of online submission of bids	Date for submission of hard copies	Due date of Opening bids (Part-I)
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
1.	NFC/PD/05/ 2021 (E-Tender & Single Part Tender)	Supply & Testing of Protection Relays at various Substations of NFC	Rs. 14.98 Lakhs.	Bid Security shall be submitted	Rs. 5900/-	18.08.2021 to 31.08.2021	10.09.2021 upto 21:00 Hrs	17.09.2021 upto 14:00 Hrs	17.09.2021 at 15:00 Hrs

पात्रता मानदंड, निबंधन एवं शर्तें एवं विस्तृत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना के लिए कृपया॒दबि.हवअ.पद. की वेबसाइट पर जाएं। भाग लेने के लिए निविदा दस्तावेज www.tenderwizard.com/DAE पर उपलब्ध है। बोलिकर्ताओं को निविदाओं में भाग लेने के लिए उन्हें ई–निविदा में अपना नाम दर्ज करवाना होगा जोकि अनिवार्य है।

eligibility criteria, terms & conditions and detailed notice inviting tender, please log on to www.nfc.gov.in. e-Tender document for participation is available on www.tenderwizard.com/DAE. Bidders have to register for e-tendering which is compulsory for participating in tendering.

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION (ON LINE AUCTION) UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002

Notice is hereby given to the effect that the immovable properties described herein, taken possession under the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, will be sold through e-auction on the following terms & conditions. E auction arranged by the service provider M/s. Canbank Computer Service Ltd. through the website www.indianbankseauction.com

Names and address of the secured creditor	Pala - Badami Road, Gandhi Circle, GADAG
Names and address of the Borrowers	M/s. Praveen Electrical Works, Prop. Shri Prakash, S/o. Chandrashekharappa Angadi, R/o. Society Oni, Harti, Dist: GADAG.
Total Liability as on date 18-08-2021	Rs. 5,42,51,846/- + Interest & Other Charges
(a) Mode of Auction (b) Details of Auction service provider	Online Electronic Bidding M/s. Canbank Computer Service Ltd., No. 218, J P Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003, Website: www.indianbankseauction.com
Date and time of e-auction:	23-09-2021; Time: 11.30 A.M TO 12.30 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Description of the Immovable Property:
All that part and parcel of the property consisting of **Flat No. 301,** 3rd Floor, Block No. A situated at industrial suburban 1st Stage, Site No. 25/3 (Apt No. 301) Khatha No. PID No. 044-W0367-17, Rathod Landmark Apartment, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore with in the registration sub Registrar office Gandhi Nagar Bangalore Standing in the name of **Shri Prakash,** S/o. Chandrashekharappa Angadi and bounded by **North:** BDA Marginal Land, **South:** 60' Road, **East:** 60' Road, **West:** Private Property.

Reserve Price: Rs. 79.30 Lakhs | EMD Amount: 8.00 Lakh

Description of the Immovable Property:
All that part and parcel of the property consisting of **Flat No. 401,** 4th Floor, Block No. A situated at industrial suburban 1st Stage, Site No. 25/3 (Apt No. 401) Khatha No. PID No. 044-W0367-17, Rathod Landmark Apartment, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore with in the registration sub Registrar office Gandhi Nagar Bangalore Standing in the name of **Shri Prakash,** S/o. Chandrashekharappa Angadi and bounded by **North:** BDA Marginal Land, **South:** 60' Road, **East:** 60' Road, **West:** Private Property.

Reserve Price: Rs. 91.13 Lakhs | EMD Amount: 10.00 Lakh

Description of the Immovable Property:
All that part and parcel of the property consisting of **Flat No. 402,** 4th Floor, Block No. A situated at industrial suburban 1st Stage, Site No. 25/3 (Apt No. 402) Khatha No. PID No. 044-W0367-17, Rathod Landmark Apartment, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore with in the registration sub Registrar office Gandhi Nagar Bangalore Standing in the name of **Shri Prakash,** S/o. Chandrashekharappa Angadi and bounded by **North:** BDA Marginal Land, **South:** 60' Road, **East:** 60' Road, **West:** Private Property.

Reserve Price: Rs. 102.60 Lakhs | EMD Amount: 11.00 Lakh

Description of the Immovable Property:
All that part and parcel of the property consisting of **Flat No. 403,** 4th Floor, Block No. A situated at industrial suburban 1st Stage, Site No. 25/3 (Apt No. 403) Khatha No. PID No. 044-W0367-17, Rathod Landmark Apartment, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore with in the registration sub Registrar office Gandhi Nagar Bangalore Standing in the name of **Shri Prakash,** S/o. Chandrashekharappa Angadi and bounded by **North:** BDA Marginal Land, **South:** 60' Road, **East:** 60' Road, **West:** Private Property.

Reserve Price: Rs. 107.90 Lakhs | EMD Amount: 11.00 Lakh

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following conditions
a) The property will be sold in "AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS" basis including encumbrances, if any. There is no encumbrances to the knowledge of the bank. b) Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.indianbankseauction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. c) The Property can be inspected with prior Appointment with Authorised Officer on any working days from 10:00 AM to 17:00 PM till 22-09-2021. d) The Property will not be sold below the reserve Price and the participating bidders may improve their offer further during auction process. e) EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, Gadag or shall be deposited through RTGS / NEFT / Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, Regional Office, Hubli. A/c No: 6932295000001, IFSC Code: CNRB0006932 on or before 22-09-2021, 16:00 PM. f) After payment of EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 22-09-2021, 4:00 pm to the concerned Branch by hand or by email. 1) Demand Draft/ pay order towards EMD amount. It paid through RTGS / NEFT, acknowledgment receipt thereof with UTR No. 2) Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address Proof. However, Successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of bid amount. 3) Bidders Name. Contact No. Adress, Email Id. 4) Bidder's A/c Details for online refund of EMD. g) The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.indianbankseauction.com and get their User ID and password free of cost Prospective bidder may avail online training on E-acution from the service provider M/s. Canbank Computer Service Ltd., No: 218, J P Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003 and Contact persons: Sri Prakash D D, Mobile No : 9480691777 & Sri Ramesh T H, Mobile No : 8553643144. h) EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. i) Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs. 10,000. The bidder who submits the highest bid (not below the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. j) The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price within the period stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. k) All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST and registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. l) Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone / cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason therof. m) In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned circle office or Canara Bank, concerned Branch who as a facilitating centre shall make necessary arrangements. n) For further details contact: Hanumappa Nittalli, Chief Manager, Canara Bank, Gadag, Mob: 9449867154, email ID: cb0511@canarabank.com, hanumappan@canarabank.com or the service provider M/s. Canbank Computer Service Ltd., No. 218, J P Royale, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru - 560003 and Contact persons: Sri Prakash D.D., Mobile No: 9480691777 & Sri Ramesh T. H., Mobile No : 8553643144. email: ccsleauction@gmail.com.

Special Instruction/Caution:
Bidding in the last minutes / seconds should be availded by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/ failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements / alternatives such as back-up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Date: 18-08-2021 — **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Gadag — **Canara Bank**

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Alleging that the TRS government has been giving "legitimacy" to a political party that is "publicly supporting the Taliban", BJP former general secretary P Muralidhar Rao said that the people of Telangana need to be wary

Lexicon comes to minister's aid as cops seek legal help over his arrest

Experts say Saseendran's remark 'to finish matter in good manner' can't be construed as threat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @T'Puram

FOREST Minister A K Saseendran, who was under fire for making a call to the father of the Kundara harassment case victim, has got a reprieve as the legal opinion received by the state police said there was no ground to take action against the minister.

Referring to the most authentic authentic lexicon 'Sabdatharavali', the legal experts said the remark of the minister "to finish the matter in a good manner" cannot be construed as a coercion or a threat. As per the lexicon, the minister meant addressing the issue, the legal opinion said.

Since the minister did not take the name of the victim nor made any foul remarks against her, there was no scope for any legal action against him, the legal opinion said.

Saseendran's remark made during a phone call to the woman's father had courted controversy. The minister from the NCP had made the call after the woman alleged that she was harassed by a state leader of the NCP. The allegation against the minister was that he misused his power to coerce the complainant to settle the case.

Following the incident, the police had received complaints against the minister and the former decided to seek legal opinion before taking the next step.

Sources said the legal opinion has been conveyed to the Kollam district police chief.

Meanwhile, former Opposition leader Ramesh Chennithala has flayed the clean chit given to Saseendran. Chennithala said trying to settle a woman harassment case is akin to assisting the harassment. Crimes against women and children are increasing in the state and giving clean chit to the minister is a challenge to the public, he added.

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>
> — Ramesh Chennithala, Former Opposition leader

ONAM ASHAMSAKAL

A woman and her children make pookkalam as part of Onam celebrations at Maruthery near Perambra in Kozhikode on Friday | T P SOORAJ

Sudhakar to accompany Bommai

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THE chief minister is also likely to discuss by-polls to two Assembly segments of Sindagi and Hanagal.

Bommai visited Delhi twice after he took oath on July 28. The first time, it was to thank party leaders and the second time to finalise the ministers' list.

Next week, he will be accompanied by Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar to make a pitch for increased vaccine supplies.

AP: Need 70:30 ratio in Krishna water sharing

JAYANTH P @ Vijayawada

EVEN as Telangana has been insisting on 50:50 ratio in sharing of Krishna water from this year, the Andhra Pradesh government has written to the Krishna River Management Board seeking 70:30 allocation for the current water year 2021-22, ahead of the full board meeting scheduled for August 27.

The AP government suggested that until the proceedings of Krishna Water Dispute Tribunal -II conclude, the same arrangement should be followed.

As against the working arrangement of 66:34 ratio of water sharing that has been in place, Telangana has been pushing for equal share of the 811 TMC of water, i.e. 405.5 TMC as opposed to 512 TMC for AP and 299 for TS.

Noting the "persistent" demand of the neighbouring state, the board has also included the same for discussion in the agenda of upcoming board meeting next week. However, Andhra Pradesh's engineer-in-chief (irrigation) C Narayana Reddy shot off a letter recently to the board seeking 70:30 ratio in sharing of Krishna water.

The AP official once again complained against utilisation of 175.54 TMC of water from minor irrigation projects by Telangana against the allocated 89.15 TMC.

Tension at Tiruchy prison as 12 refugees try to end lives

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Tiruchy

TENSION prevailed at the special camp in the central prison once again on Friday, as 12 Sri Lankan refugees reportedly tried to end their lives by overdosing on sleeping pills.

The inmates are currently being monitored by the Health and Medical Welfare Department, and will be transferred to the MGMGH as and when required, sources said. Owing to their health condition, ambulances have been kept on standby at the City Police Commissioner's office, which is close to the prison.

It may be noted that over 80 Sri Lankan refugees at the camp have been staging various kind of protests over the past few

months demanding immediate release. Earlier this week, 16 persons had made a similar suicide attempt. A few of the inmates had also cut their hands using sharp objects.

When asked how the inmates managed to get so many sleeping pills, a senior official said, "The inmates are allowed to meet their family members. During those interactions, they might have spoken about the plan and procured the pills. We are investigating the issue."

According to sources, most of the inmates have been confined due to their involvement in cases such as possession of fake passport, overstay, robbery and murder. Pressing the demand of the inmates, FC Ben, a Sri Lankan refugee and activist said, "Many of the refugees are being held illegally in the camps, despite their term ending, many of them have not been released."

HOUSES DEVELOP CRACKS

Quake-like sound scares villagers in Kalaburagi

RAMKRISHNA BADSESHI @Kalaburagi

RESIDENTS of a number of villages in Kalagi and Chincholi taluks of Kalaburagi district ran out of their houses late on Friday evening after they experienced intense tremors. Some houses have developed cracks, while villagers of Koravi, Halachera, Tegalatippi, Vajragaon, Navadagi, Chintakunta and Gadikeshwar heard loud sounds from the earth three times.

Santosh Malage, a gram panchayat member of Halchera village, said, "The rumble from the ground was heard for the first time at 7.29 pm. It was the loudest, while two others were fainter and heard five and 10 minutes later. People are now taking shelter in the open ground as they fear that it was an earthquake."

Kalagi Tahsildar Naganath said that he received 10-12 distress phone calls from different villages in the taluk. He sought reports from revenue and police officials, who are in charge of these villages. He also requested Deputy Director of Mines Rise Fatima to look into the matter.

Fatima told *TNE* that as per preliminary information, it was not an earthquake as there was no recording on the Richter Scale. "I can come to a conclusion after studying the issue properly," she added.

26 from TS, Andhra await evacuation from Kabul

MOULI MAREEDU @Hyderabad

AROUND 26 people from Telangana and AP are among the 250 Indians who are waiting anxiously to return home from Kabul. Ever since Taliban took over Afghanistan, they have been going through an agonising ordeal like many others, waiting for the first opportunity to get out of the country.

They have now been taken care of by the Indian Embassy in Kabul and efforts are on to evacuate them safely back to home. The State NRI cell which is busy collecting details of the Telugus stranded in Kabul, is hoping that all of them would be back home safe without any harm befalling them.

The State Revenue Department is also working in coordination with the NRI cell and the External Affairs Ministry in Delhi to securing the lives of the Telugus stuck in Kabul.

Sources said that the Indian Embassy office has been shut after Taliban captured Kabul. Already some of the staff members have been evacuated to India. The External Affairs Ministry too does not have much data either, except that about 250 Indians, including 26 Telugu people are there in Kabul.

Karnataka tiger reserves try new tech, apps ahead of census

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AHEAD of the national tiger census, staffers in Karnataka's tiger reserves are trying out new technological interventions and apps on a trial basis to monitor tigers daily.

They are conducting this exercise of the National Tiger Conservation Authority on the directions of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, before coming up with the final app and methodology for the census.

Officials from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), which is working with NTCA and MoEFCC on the census said, "Minimal human intervention and maximum technology use is being planned for the census, due to the pandemic. Since Karnataka has been using Huli and M-Stripe apps for daily patrolling and other works, we thought of trying the new apps and other technological methods here also. Some trials are also being done in other states. However, a lot of thrust is being

laid to Bandipur- Nagarhole-Wynad belt, which has the highest tiger density," the WII official told *TNIE*.

The new apps are being tried out in Bandipur and Nagarhole Tiger Reserves. Karnataka forest department officials said, "New ecological and patrolling apps have been given to us for trial. We have been told to use them for a week or fortnight and give our feedback so that it can be improvised upon. They are not on playstore or any where else but are in-house and internally created ones."

The official added that it is similar to the earlier ones, but asks to fill in more details which were earlier being collated manually, like the list of species sighted need not be written but chosen from the multiple options. With these apps the staff is also being trained on new technologies and gadgets.

"We are not keen on involving many volunteers for the census this time, main reason being the pandemic. Also, we have noticed that most volunteers are not serious about conservation and have very little knowledge. They look at it as a holiday — click photographs and enjoy a jungle trip," said a senior department official.

Curtains down on Puducherry DD Kendra?

DEBJANI DUTTA @ Puducherry

IT is the end of an era as the Puducherry Doordarshan Kendra (DDK) seems to head for a closure of operations, along with programme generating facilities at Madurai and Coimbatore.

All the six serving cameramen at the DDK have been transferred through an order issued by the Directorate General, Prasar Bharati. Similarly, four cameramen from Madurai and two from Coimbatore, too, have been transferred and none posted as their replacement. The order, issued on August 18, had transferred 71 cameramen across the country.

This sudden transfer of entire camera crew, by treating it as a Programme Generating Facility (PGF) and not a Kendra, is indicative of closure, said sources. Without cameramen there would not be any programme production or outside coverage activities from DDK Puducherry, they added.

Doordarshan Kendra, Puducherry, was inaugurated on August 15, 1992, and has been functioning as an independent Kendra since its commencement. Though it was planned as a Programme Generating Facility, the then Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Ajit Kumar Panja, declared it as a Kendra during its inauguration.

Workers pack figs for export in Ballari, a major supplier of the fruit to Afghanistan | KIRAN BALANNANAVAR

Afghan developments crush hopes of anjur farmers in Ballari district

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR @Ballari

THE catastrophic developments in Afghanistan have had economic repercussions in faraway Ballari.

Farmers growing anjur or figs here are facing an uncertain future as the Taliban, who have taken control of the country, have banned all imports, including anjur.

Ballari has been a major supplier of fruit to Afghanistan and Iran for many years. Anjur cultivation has increased in the district over the last few years and it now covers over 30,000 hectares in Kurugod taluk of the district.

Farmers here export both wet and dry anjur to West Asian counties, with Afghanistan and Iran being major importers.

Srinivas Reddy, an anjur grower, said that Kurugod taluk is famous for its variety of fruit.

"Most farmers here cultivate wet anjur, while some grow Diana variety, which is popularly called dry fig or dry anjeer. Growers prefer exporting the fruit as it fetches better margins. The wet anjur, which is sold for Rs 600-700 per kg in India, is priced at over Rs 1,000 abroad," he said. With the dip in exports, farmers will now have to explore opportunities in the domestic market, he added.

Harishekar G, another anjur farmer, said that the international market has been down for the last two months. "It is a worry because we cannot store wet anjur for long," he added.

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CORRIGENDUM e-NIT No. 76/2021-22

On behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan online tenders were invited from eligible bidders vide this office NIT No. 76/2021-22 Corrigendum regarding PQ Criteria (Corrigendum-I) have been issued under this NIT. Please check details on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.

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E-AUCTION SALE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **BANK OF INDIA**, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 07-09-2021**, for recovery of **Rs.15,73,803.67/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Seventy three Thousand Eight Hundred Three And Paise Sixty Seven)** + interest @ **8.80% p.a.** compounded with monthly rests from **29-04-2018** for Housing loans, and costs and other charges due to **BANK OF INDIA, Bidadi Branch** from **Mr. Anantha (Borrower), Mrs. G S Malathi (Co-Borrower), Mr. Nagaraju S S (Guarantor).** The reserve price, EMD amount and Property details are as mentioned hereunder:

Reserve Price : Rs.90,00,000/- (Rupees Ninety Lakhs Only)
EMD : Rs.9,00,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Only)
Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of Immovable property bearing Site No.29/A, MIG-II, situated at KHB Colony Extension, Bidadi Village, Ramanagara Taluk, measuring East to West – 32 ½ Feet and North to South – 49 ¾ Feet, admeasuring 1616.87 sq.ft, jointly owned by Mr.Anantha & Mrs. G S Malathi. Boundaries of the property: East by :Road, West by : Site No 29,MIG II, North by - Site No.42/A, South by - Road.

To the best knowledge and information available with the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on the property referred above. However, the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of the property and to inspect & satisfy them.

The auction will be online E-Auction Sale/Bidding and shall be done only through "Online Electronic Bidding" process through the website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **https://www.bankofindia.co.in/tenders**

Date & Time of E-auction: 07-09-2021 between 11.00am to 05.00pm (with unlimited extension of 10 minutes if bidding continues till sale is concluded)

Date : 19.08.2021 Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
Place : Bangalore Bank of India

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POSSESSION NOTICE

RULE 8(1) (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank, Park Square Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **02.06.2021** calling upon the **Borrower : M/s Woods Garden,** 19/20, T.V Samy Road, R.S Puram, Coimbatore to repay the loan amount mentioned in the notice being a sum of **Rs.3,82,97,971.55 (Rupees Three Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy One and Fifty Five paise Only) as on 31.05.2021,** with further Interest and cost thereon from **01.06.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

(1)The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties as described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules **on this 19th Day of August 2021.**

(2) The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Indian Overseas Bank** for an amount **Rs.3,82,97,971.55 (Rupees Three Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy One and Fifty Five paise Only) as on 31.05.2021** with interest thereon at contractual rates & rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs.3,88,79,361.31 (Rupees Three Crore Eighty Eight Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty One and thirty one paise only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc., from **31.07.2021** till date of payment.

(3)The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.

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All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.17 formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore in Bannergatta Road, Jayanagar, Bangalore, now coming under the purview of Bangalore Mahanagar Palike and has assigned the property as Municipal No. 17, 30th Cross, BDA, Jayanagar, 4th T. Block, Bangalore, BMP Ward No.62 with PID No-62-163-17 **Measuring :** East to West : 40-0 (Forty Feet), North to South: 60-0 (Sixty Feet), In all measuring 2400 sft along with a building thereon with all appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and **Bounded on :** East By : Property Bearing No:16, West By : Property Bearing No:18, North By : Private Property, South By : Road. Standing in the name of Mr. G. Shesha Chandra Vyas (Guarantor & Mortgagor)

Place : Coimbatore **AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Date : 19.08.2021 **INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK**

EDITORIAL

"Peace within oneself is to be found in the same place as agitation and suffering. It's not found in a forest or on a hilltop ... Where you experience suffering, you can also find freedom from suffering" — Ajahn Chah

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NEW INDIA MUST LEARN TO RESPECT WOMEN

A 21-year-old woman was set afire by a youngster in Vizianagaram district of Andhra Pradesh early Friday. She is battling for her life with 60% burns. A few days ago, an engineering student was brutally and repeatedly stabbed to death in Guntur by a 19-year-old in broad daylight even as people looked on. A woman was raped at Seethanagaram in Guntur district recently. These are not isolated cases. Despite the efforts of police and the government, crimes against women have been happening at regular intervals in the state.

Why only Andhra? They have been happening across the country. One must admit that the cops, who could rightly be blamed for several things, however have been active in Andhra to ensure safety of women in public places. In the Guntur incident, it was a brave cop who gave the accused the chase despite being unarmed. And it was the cops who rushed the girl in Vizianagaram district to a hospital after receiving an alert through the Disha mobile app. Crimes against women should not be looked at as just another law-and-order problem, more so as this is turning into an epidemic. As per NCRB data, 32,033 rape cases were registered in 2019. One can safely assume the actual figure is much higher. In Andhra, where the government has enacted the Disha Act to ensure speedy justice for women, 985 cases of sexual violence have been reported this year. In 2019, the state stood eighth in the country with over 4,000 cases. The most staggering of all, the National Database of Sexual Offenders has reportedly crossed the million mark. In Andhra, it is over two lakh.

It is high time we as a society wake up. Efforts must be made to change this culture of violence which calls for gender sensitisation on a priority basis in schools and colleges. Whether one accepts it or not, objectification of women, misogyny, obsession and self-entitlement have been normalised by films. A nation prospers only when women are respected. For that, we need nothing short of a cultural revolution. Civil society, governments and people at large must ponder over what must be done.

THE IMPLICATIONS OF ISRO MISSION FAILURE

The August 12 mission failure of ISRO to put its most advanced earth observation satellite in orbit came at a time when India most needed not one but an entire constellation of such satellites up in orbit. The 2.2-tonne Geo Imaging Satellite-1 (GISAT-1) was designed to provide advance information on weather conditions, agriculture, forestry, natural disasters and water bodies, besides strategic data for military use, and all that in near-real time mode. The mission failure came at a time when India is not only experiencing a series of natural disasters across the country, but is also faced with military challenges on the northern and northeastern borders.

The crucial satellite-carrying third stage of India's Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle-F10, a GSLV Mark-II rocket, failed to ignite. Its failure meant the collapse of the entire mission, notwithstanding the success of the first two stages. While ISRO Chairman Dr K Sivan has attributed it to a "technical anomaly", the setback is much larger than what meets the eye. GISAT-1 was planned to be the first of two such identical satellites to be put into space to relay back crucial data. The two satellites were planned to image in the multispectral and hyper-spectral bands to provide near real-time pictures of large areas of the country—selected field images every five minutes and entire Indian landmass images every 30 minutes at 42-metre spatial resolution.

The GISAT-1 mission was already postponed from its initial 5 March 2020 schedule due to technical reasons. This failure means a further delay after waiting out almost a year and a half. This may also impact the schedule of India's manned space mission, Gaganyaan, which plans to use the heavy-lift GSLV Mark-III rockets (heftier version of GSLV Mk-II that tried launching GISAT-1) with live crew and instruments as payload in 2022-23. The first unmanned Gaganyaan mission is scheduled for December this year. It is time for ISRO to put its head down and overcome the failure.

In portrayals of policy, if someone says alternatives to state intervention and state control were mooted in the 1940s and early 1950s, that's simply not true

ROOTS OF PLANNING AND POLICY ERRORS

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India has just celebrated the 75th Independence Day. If one counts from 1991, this also happens to be the 30th year of reforms. Several books, papers and articles have appeared on India's reform and growth trajectory. Those that believe in markets, interpreted as reforms, have castigated India for past policies relying on excessive state (that is, government) intervention. They would like the state to withdraw and retreat. This withering away of the state, not in the sense that Marx and Engels understood it, has a grain of truth. But one should be careful. The form of state intervention matters. The state does lay a heavy and malign hand in some areas and there, it needs to become less visible. However, there are also areas where the state's visible and benign hand needs to remain. The state cannot abdicate its responsibility, as it often has, for more than six decades. Therefore, that debate is not about a smaller state, but about a right state, with the level (Union, state, local body) also important. This column isn't about that debate. It is about a different point, that of past errors. With a bird's-eye view cast over more than seven decades, there is a danger of simplifying and relying too much on the immediate past as a prism. The policy error occurred (1) In 1947 and the early 1950s; (2) During the Second Five Year Plan (1956-61); (3) During the late 1960s and 1970s.

These are different time-lines and a critique (or critic) should differentiate: (3) does not automatically imply (1) and (2), nor does (2) necessarily imply (1). Consider two external critics, as poles apart as they can be—Milton Friedman and John Kenneth Galbraith. The vintage of that critique is (2). Ditto for an internal critic, in the form of Bellikoth Ragunath Shenoy. If one has in mind Jagdish Bhagwati, Padma Desai or T N Srinivasan, the vintage will be (3). In the (1) vintage, it wasn't as if people didn't think about India's developmental policies, even before the country became independent. My inclination is to date this to the 1931 Karachi resolution of the Indian National Congress. This was important because it articulated notions of fundamental rights and also had a view on what the state should do, including an economic and social programme. To quote, "The state shall protect indigenous cloth; and for this purpose, pursue the policy of exclusion of foreign cloth and foreign yarn from the country and adopt such other measures as may be found necessary. The state shall also protect other indigenous industries, when necessary, against foreign competition ...The state shall own or control key industries and services, mineral resources, railways, waterways, shipping and other means of public transport." A view was forming about the role of the state and this inevitably led to the need for planning, formalised in Wardhwa in 1937.

All this led to the formation of the National Planning Committee in 1938. This never published any reports. But several details about its meetings are available in an abstract of proceedings, published by K T Shah, the general secretary. There were several ministers from states and provinces, usually industry ministers, who were ex officio members of the committee. Non-ex officio members were M Visvesvaraya, Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Meghnad Saha, A D Shroff, K T Shah, A K Shaha, Nazir Ahmed, V S Dubey, Ambalal Sarabhai, J C Ghosh, J C Kumarappa, Walchand Hirachand, Radha Kamal Mukherjee and N M Joshi. Since there was going to be a separate agrarian programme, "plan" was tantamount to an industrial plan. In 1938, there was a conference of industry ministers in Delhi under the chairmanship of Subhas Chandra Bose, then president of the Indian National Congress and this passed a resolution. It is unreasonable to expect expressions like market failure to be used then. But if one applies today's jargon to that period, some industries were characterised by market failure. Whatever be the reason, private capital wouldn't step in. The state would have to step in. Where would one find the resources? That was the key question for national planning. What's the point I am making? In that timeline of (1), there was near consensus on what needed to be done. There were no dissenting voices.

> Independent of the National Planning Committee formed in 1938, several 'Plans' emerged. ... With the exception of Visvesvaraya, there was consensus on (a) public investments in key industries; (b) state intervention in distribution, to prevent a widening of income disparities; and (c) peripheral roles of external trade and foreign investments. These tenets represented the wisdom of the day

Independent of the National Planning Committee, several "Plans" emerged—M Visvesvaraya's 1938 book; the Bombay Plan of 1944/1945; the People's Plan of 1944; the Gandhian Plan of 1944; and the Sarvodaya Plan of 1950. Visvesvaraya wrote, "The Indian plan should avoid communistic tendencies; its basic policy should be to encourage collective effort without interfering with individual initiative. The developments should be more on the lines followed in the United States of America and in Turkey.... Having regard to the conditions prevailing in India, it is safe for this country to proceed along the lines practiced in such capitalist countries as France and the United States of America." But this was an exception. Contrary to expectations, the Bombay Plan was quite forthright in accepting state intervention and state controls. Across these plans, with the exception of Visvesvaraya, there was consensus on (a) public investments in key industries; b) state intervention in distribution, to prevent a widening of income disparities; and (c) peripheral roles of external trade and foreign investments. These tenets represented the wisdom of the day. Therefore, in portrayals of policy, if someone suggests alternatives were mooted in the 1940s and early 1950s, that's simply not true.

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CLOSING CAMBODIA'S 'KILLING FIELDS' WITHOUT CLOSURE

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Earlier this week, on 16 August 2021, the final hearing in the Khmer Rouge Tribunal began, which is the appeals case of Khieu Samphan. This appeal is critical as it will be one of the final hearings in the Supreme Court of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), also known as the Khmer Rouge Tribunal. After nearly a period of 15 years, the second significant case in the trials is moving towards a more substantive end, even though it may not really ensure closure for the victims of the Khmer Rouge atrocities that affected a whole generation of Cambodians born prior to 1978.

The Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia from April 1975 to December 1978, when the most brutal genocide of the Cambodian population took place under its leadership. Following the withdrawal of the US from Indochina in 1975, all the three countries of the region—Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam—came under communist regimes. Interestingly, till the American departure, the political groupings within these three countries had a common enemy in the US, but this gave way to internal rivalry and tensions, particularly between the Khmer Rouge and the Vietnamese. Historical animosity and suspicions were played on by the Khmer Rouge to denounce the Vietnamese as the next enemy and there were deep suspicions relating to ethnic Vietnamese who were settled along the Cambodia-Vietnam border for years. While internally in Cambodia, there were increasing signs of factionalism within the Khmer Rouge, the ostensible target of the group's ire were citizens of the country who were caught between rival political factions and the ravages of a long-drawn war. One of the factions supported by the Vietnamese ultimately led to the overthrow of the Khmer Rouge. The Vietnamese intervention established the Heng Samrin regime in January 1979. From 1979 till 1991, Cambodia was locked in a cold war stalemate that saw little headway till it gave way to an UN-mandated peace settlement that led to elections in 1993. However, from 1998, the country has again been under single-party rule with the Cambodian People's Party and Hun Sen at the helm of affairs.

The ECCC was established under the auspices of the UN in 2006, even though the initial request for the setting up of the tribunal occurred as early as 1997, when the Royalist Party FUNCINPEC was also part of the ruling coalition with the CPP. The core of the ECCC's mandate was the trial of those persons clearly implicated in the genocide that took place. The Khmer Rouge's central leadership consisted of five members—Pol Pot, Ieng Sary, Ieng Thirath, Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan. Of these, Pol Pot died in 1998 even before the ECCC was operational. Ieng Thirath, the wife of Ieng Sary, suffered from dementia and was declared unfit to stand trial in 2011 and eventually died in 2015. The remaining three were Ieng Sary, Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan—all three were indicted for crimes against humanity under the auspices of the ECCC and were under detention.

> Pol Pot died in 1998 before the Cambodia genocide tribunal was operational and Ieng Thirath was declared unfit for trial in 2011 as she suffered from dementia. Khieu Samphan is the sole survivor of the leadership of the dreaded era. Given the time it has taken to conclude the cases, the end of the trials may not ensure a sense of closure for the victims

The actual two cases that were heard were Case 001 of Kaing Guev Eav, who was popularly known as Duch. He was in charge of the Khmer Rouge detention centre called Tuol Sleng interrogation centre or the S21. A school converted into a detention centre, this still carries the memories of those tortured and killed under the regime and stands as a tribute to the suffering of those souls. Duch was found guilty of excesses against humanity and imprisoned for an initial period of 35 years, which was to be commuted for time served in detention. But an appeal to the Supreme Court led to this being converted to life in prison, where he died in September 2020.

Case number 002 was against both Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan. Ieng Sary, the third person against whom it was filed, died in 2013, which led to the case against him being declared null and void. In Case 002, two separate charges were brought against both Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan. The first was 002/01, which began in November 2011. The final judgment in August 2014 found both of them guilty of crimes against humanity. They were given life imprisonment, which was upheld by the Supreme Court Chamber on appeal and its verdict came in November 2016. The second case 002/02 was against specific cases of genocide against the Cham and other ethnic minorities as well as the roles played in extermination centres set up under the Khmer Rouge. The trials for the second case started in October 2014 and were concluded by early 2017, and both Nuon Chea and Khieu Samphan were found to be in contravention of the Geneva Conventions and guilty of charges of genocide against minority ethnic and racial groups. While this verdict was delivered in 2018, the appeal of this to the Supreme Court within the ECCC was still pending. In August 2019, Nuon Chea died, leaving only Khieu Samphan as the sole survivor of the leadership of the dreaded era. There is a sense of poetic justice in this as Khieu Samphan authored the thesis that was to have a direct bearing on the implementation of the agrarian reforms advocated by him. However, given the time it has taken to conclude the cases and the age of those facing trials, a true sense of closure is far from achieved.

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Darkness descends fast

This is with reference to *Kabul wears a burqa, the world shuts its eyes* (Aug 20). The article highlights the horror that the Taliban are bringing to Afghanistan. The world is speechless at the speed of the descent of darkness in the lives of Afghans. A handful of countries like China and Pakistan are in a celebratory mood. Unfortunately, India, which gave liberal assistance in the form of infrastructure for the benefit of Afghan citizens with no strings attached, is left watching silently.
Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Taliban won't change

This is with reference to *Af protests spread, Kabul stays chaotic* (Aug 20). As the Taliban's principles are rooted in religious laws, they won't budge an inch on the issue of Islamist fundamentalism. They consider those who worked with the US and NATO as their enemies. Their approach is a challenge to civilisation and we have to wait and see how the world responds to their medieval mindset.
C Rajasekaran, Kumbakonam

Women the first casualty

The spread of protests in Afghanistan after its takeover by the Taliban implies that common people there are not happy and are expressing their dissent and opposition in the open, defying indiscriminate shooting. There was some calm in Afghanistan when the US forces landed in that country and women were given their rightful place. Now, the first casualty will be women and the worst is to come. The Taliban are going to be the same now as they were in the past and are not going to change their spots. Denying education and freedom to women is abominable, and resorting to fundamentalism and terrorism in the name of Islam will only bring disgrace to Taliban and the religion.
M Y Shariff, Chennai

No need for panic

There is nothing unusual in the fact that in Kerala, the number of cases and deaths due to Covid infections are very high, approximately more than half the all-India figures. Between March and May, when the all-India cases were very high, the numbers in Kerala were relatively low. The second wave came late in Kerala. Naturally it will take some time to subside and we shouldn't panic.
Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Covid crisis in Kerala

Kerala initially managed Covid successfully. The crisis it experiences now can be attributed to the callous attitude of the public and administrative failure. People in large numbers are seen in public places despite Covid restrictions. Further, unscientific unlocking appears to have worsened the situation.
Bijumon P N, Idukki

Why this special attention?

There cannot be different opinions on equal opportunities to all communities (*DMK's ideological consistency in playing archaka card*, Aug 20). Every citizen has the right to work and perform functions without any disparity based on caste. A number of non-Brahmin *pujaris* are already working in temples and there is no protest by anyone in this regard. But the current move in some temples appears to go against centuries-old customs. While there are a number of humongous issues that the government has to tackle, the special attention to the HR&CE department is questionable.
S Nallasivan, Tirunelveli

Hope Governor is impartial

This is with reference to *EPS knocks on Raj Bhavan doors, slams DMK govt* (Aug 20). How the tables have turned. A few months ago, DMK leaders were seen at the Raj Bhavan urging the Governor to take action against the AIADMK government over alleged irregularities. The Governor, however, had sat on the petition. Let us hope he maintains the same level of inaction now, too, so that he may avoid being accused of partiality.
P G Menon, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
This is unbearable. Even as global oil prices plunge, we have to pay exorbitantly. Immediately withdraw all excise duties on petroleum products

Devendra Fadnavis @Dev_Fadnavis
With many metro projects, we decided to set up Maha Metro in Maharashtra. It is doing good with dyamic speed, probably the fastest in the nation

Manish Tewari @ManishTewari
As a tribute to former PM Rajiv Gandhi, Punjab's CM Amarinder Singh launched ₹520 crore debt relief scheme which will benefit farm labourers

Special cell set up by ministry working overtime on repatriation

Team of 20 IFS officers processing requests from Indians stranded in Afghanistan

Family members of Jeet Bahadur Singh, a youth stranded in Afghanistan, at their home in UP's Shajahanpur | PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Special Afghanistan Cell, which was set up by the Ministry of External Affairs a day after the Taliban seized power in Kabul, has been working round the clock to ensure that the requests of Indian nationals and Afghans wanting to return are being processed.

The cell is being managed at any given point in time by around eight-nine young foreign service officers. In total, this cell comprises a team of 20 Indian Foreign Service officers. After the formation of a special cell to ensure repatriation of Indians during the pandemic, this is the second special cell that the ministry has constituted to deal with emergency requests from Afghanistan.

According to officials, the cell coordinated with different divisions of the ministry to ensure that the processing of requests is not delayed. Officials said that a few hundred Indians are still in Afghanistan.

Last week, India evacuated around 200 nationals, including the Indian envoy to Afghanistan Rudrendra Tandon, after the Taliban forces reached the gates of Kabul. Following the fleeing of former Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and the takeover of the war-torn country by the militia, the MEA constituted the cell.

"MEA's 24x7 Special Afghanistan Cell has been reinforced. UPDATED contact details: Phone numbers: +91-11-49016783, +91-11-49016784, +91-11-49016785 WhatsApp number: +91-8010611290 Email: SituationRoom@mea.gov.in," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Arindam Bagchi had tweeted.

Following the change of power, for the first time India has started an e-visa system for Afghans wanting to come to India. The visa would be given for a period of six months after scrutiny of the application.

New Delhi has also been in touch the Sikh and Hindu community leaders and has assured them of repatriating the community members once commercial operations of flights begin from Afghanistan. A number of them have taken shelter in a gurdawra near the capital of Afghanistan.

CONGRESS PILLAR OF OPPOSITION UNITY, ASSERTS SUPRIYA SULE

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

AFTER two major defeats in Lok Sabha polls against BJP, the Opposition has started preparing early for 2024. Several meetings have taken place, including Friday's virtual one called by Congress president Sonia Gandhi. Lok Sabha MP and daughter of NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Supriya Sule has been part of these core discussions. She thinks there is a lot of vendetta politics along with misuse of central probe agencies Excerpts from an interview....

The Opposition's efforts to fight BJP together have not borne fruit yet. For example, there was no electoral unity in West Bengal. Unless that happens, won't it be tough to halt the BJP juggernaut?
The first big achievement of the Opposition is, like-minded parties have decided to come together for the larger cause of saving the country and democracy. Earlier, the Opposition was fragmented. Now, they are talking to each other, meeting over breakfast and dinner. Defeating BJP is another thing, but coming together is important. We should not worry about futuristic electoral success at this juncture. In the monsoon session of Parliament, the Opposition was united on Pegasus and farm bill issues. More meetings will happen. Well begun is half the job done.

How are you going to counter BJP's well-oiled machinery and round the clock politics?
We and the ruling party should understand that our fight is not against any individual. We want to see both Houses of Parliament function, more discussions, thought-provoking and enriching debates. Everyone should join the debate and be a part of the policy-making process. There should also be some banter. Such things help break the ice between the ruling party and Opposition. Nowadays, the fun is missing. Everything is politicised and follows a 'you versus me' line. The ruling party should understand we are not against the government. Opposition is a part of Parliamentary democracy. We do not want to change the entire bill, but a little tweak here and there that make a difference. But the government is not ready for that. They want to bulldoze everything by trampling over democratic procedures.

With regards to Opposition unity, what about the morally-down Congress? Isn't there some sort of an 'old versus young' going on in the grand old party?
Interim Congress president Sonia Gandhi is a graceful and dignified personality. She has been working hard for her party and Opposition unity. UPA I and II was a better government. The fruits we reap today are the work of the Manmohan Singh government. UPA I and II started several good policies and programmes which were later renamed by the BJP government. I am confident Congress will again emerge as a force and be the main pillar among the Opposition. Everyone is comfortable working with Congress because of its inclusive and liberal approach.

What about Rahul Gandhi? Will the other Opposition parties accept him as their leader in 2024?
I share a good rapprochement with Rahul Gandhi. We both got elected to Lok Sabha in 2009. We have been exchanging thoughts for the betterment of society. He is a genuine and empathetic person, sincere in thoughts and decisions. He brings in-depth perspectives to the table when we discuss policies and political issues. He is well-read and ideologically committed. No one has issues with him. Whether to accept him as Opposition leader, is the later part. It is not a key issue right now.

NCP chief Sharad Pawar met celebrated political strategist Prashant Kishor a couple of times in Mumbai and Delhi. You were part of those confidential meetings. What is cooking?
One must know that apart from politics, we have a huge circle of friends and well-wishers. Prashant Kishor is one of our close family friends. My husband, and even my daughter, know him. We also feel happy and proud that one of our friends is getting huge electoral success for his strategy and planning. People should not read much in these type of meetings.

Full interview: www.newindianexpress.com

COVID TRACKER

- 3,63,605 Active cases
- 524 Fall in active cases
- 18,86,271 Tests in 24 hours
- 54,71,282 Doses in 24 hours
- 1.34% CASE FATALITY RATE
- 1.94% DAILY POSITIVITY RATE
- 97.54% NATIONAL RECOVERY RATE

Source: Union Health Ministry

Taliban, Qaeda remain close: Report

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE 12th report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team on key developments in Afghanistan between May 2020 and April 2021, submitted recently to the United Nations Security Council Committee, had warned that the Taliban and Al-Qaeda remain closely aligned and show no indication of breaking ties.

"Senior leadership of Al-Qaeda remains present in Afghanistan, as well as hundreds of armed operatives, Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent, and groups of foreign terrorist fighters aligned with Taliban. A number of significant Al-Qaeda figures were killed in Afghanistan during the reporting period. Relations between the Taliban, especially the Haqqani Network, and Al-Qaeda remain close, based on friendship, a history of shared struggle, ideological sympathy and intermarriage," the report stated.

In the backdrop of the UN expose on Taliban and their thriving terrorist network in Afghanistan, US President Joe Biden's statement early this week that the "only vital national interest (of America) in Afghanistan remains what it has always been: preventing a terrorist attack on American homeland," sounds rather curious.

What is even more damaging is the finding that the Taliban "regularly consulted with Al-Qaeda during negotiations with the US and offered guarantees that it would honour their historical ties. Al-Qaeda has reacted positively to the agreement, with statements from its acolytes celebrating it as a victory for the Taliban's cause and thus, for global militancy," the report stated.

The June, '21 assessment report categorially stated it is "impossible to assess with confidence that Taliban will live up to its commitment to suppress any future international threat emanating from Al-Qaeda in Afghanistan. The Al-Qaeda and like-minded militants continue to celebrate developments in Afghanistan as a victory for the Taliban's cause and thus for global radicalism."

There are multiple foreign terrorist groups operating out of Afghanistan such as the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement (ETIM), the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan (IMU), Jamaat Ansarullah Tajikistan (JAT), Lashkar-e-Islam (LeI) and the Salafist Group. "Out of these, Pakistani nationals fighting with terrorist groups in Afghanistan may be as high as 6,000 to 6,500," the report said.

It added that Taliban's "ongoing profiting from narcotics is not addressed in the (peace) agreement, but will be a challenge under any future governance arrangements in Afghanistan. The report also highlighted the factionalism within Taliban. "While the Taliban remain internally disciplined to be a formidable fighting force, there are divisions, which make compromise with its adversaries difficult, and its messaging remains hardline."

EXPRESS READ

Now, Facebook removes Rahul post

New Delhi: After Twitter, Facebook has removed a content posted by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi that identified the family of a nine-year-old victim of alleged rape and murder in Delhi, saying it violated the social media platform's policies. According to sources, Facebook has informed Gandhi and the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights about the removal of the posts.

Two ITBP personnel killed in Maoist attack

New Delhi: Two ITBP personnel, including an assistant commandant, were killed by Naxals in Chhattisgarh's Narayanpur district on Friday. According to sources, a part of the ITBP team which was out for area domination exercise near their Kademata camp, were caught in an ambush. This is the first incident of violence in Bastar after April 3, when 22 security personnel were killed.

Regional imbalance in appointment of SC judges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH the Collegium recommendation of nine persons for elevation as Supreme Court judges sent to the Centre for approval, the issue of equal representation has cropped up again. There are many high courts which have got no representation at all for several years.

A look at the data from 1985 reveals that Delhi, Bombay and Allahabad high courts dominate the selection of judges to the Supreme Court.

Presently, the top court has a working strength of 24 judges against the sanctioned strength of 34. Of them, four belong to Bombay High Court, three each to Delhi and Andhra Pradesh (undivided), two each to Karnataka, Allahabad, West Bengal and Rajasthan. There are one each from Kerala, Punjab, Gujarat, Haryana, Tamil Nadu and Assam.

Those who have remained unrepresented in the apex court for a long time are six Northeast states, Odisha, J&K, Himachal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Sikkim and Goa. Even though these states had judges who could have been elevated, it never happened.

In the present Collegium recommendation, there are names from six states — Maharashtra, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, UP and Tamil Nadu.

Bombay High Court has produced the most number of Supreme Court judges till date. It also leads when it comes to Chief Justices of India, with seven out of 43. Calcutta is comes next with six, followed by Allahabad with five. Karnataka High Court has had four judges who have adorned the post of Chief Justice of India.

Though there are no specific rules for regional origin, Collegium resolutions and the government had tried to maintain regional representation. Regional representation is based on a Supreme Court judge's parent high court, where they first became a high court judge. However, one can also become a Supreme Court judge directly while being a lawyer.

REPRESENTATION & SANCTIONED STRENGTH IN SC

HIGH COURT	Number of judges till date	Percentage it has presently	Sanctioned strength	Percentage it should have had
Delhi	16	9.3%	60	5.46%
Bombay	16	9.3%	94	8.56%
Allahabad	15	8.72%	171	15.57%
Madras	14	8.14%	75	6.83%
Calcutta	13	7.56%	72	6.56%
Karnataka	12	6.98%	62	5.65%
Patna	10	5.81%	78	7.1%
Madhya Pradesh	10	5.81%	75	6.83%
Andhra Pradesh	10	5.81%	79	7.19%
Kerala	10	5.81%	47	4.28%
Punjab & Haryana	9	5.23%	85	7.74%
Rajasthan	8	4.65%	50	4.55%
Gauhati	8	4.65%	41	3.73%
Orissa	6	3.49%	27	2.46%
Jammu and Kashmir	4	2.33%	17	1.55%
Himachal Pradesh	2	1.16%	13	1.18%

China lowers eligibility for PLA recruitment

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

THE military in China is facing problems in finding eligible candidates to serve their forces. To address the issue, selection marks have been lowered and for the first time, a policy has been framed to draft in former People's Liberation Army soldiers into the force.

"National Defence University, which used to recruit candidate sfor military academies and schools, has lowered its eligibility criteria to 573 marks from 600," said a source.

Another step taken for the first time is wartime conscription plan, for which veterans will be on priority. "The Ministry of Veterans Affairs issued a draft regulatory change in July which has proposed changes in the conscription regulations with first time spelling out how the authorities will enlist the veterans and the conscripts."

The State Council or the Central Military Commission will issue mobilisation orders, thereby drafting the veterans for the government and military to serve at various levels.

China has been facing this problem due to its one-child policy and the conscripted force where, as per an army officer, most of the soldiers try to finish their tenure to leave for better avenues. The one-child policy implemented in 1979 and withdrawn in 2016 had exacerbated the practice of sex-selective abortion in favour of boys.

Also, as reported earlier by this newspaper, to make up for issues in finding soldiers suitable to serve in high altitude on a prolonged deployment, the Chinese have started focusing on Tibetan youth.

Mid-career training for civil services

New Delhi: Aiming better coordination among the officials of various civil services, the Centre for the first time will hold a Common Mid Career Training Programme (MCTP), as a part of Mission Karmayogi at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie. Earlier, only IAS, IPS and IFS officers used to have mid-career programmes. This time, officers of All India Services including accounts, audits and others have been given the opportunity. The training programme is proposed to be held in the last week of October. Officials in the know said that it will help in better coordination amongst the personnel of various civil services, fostering intra-departmental and inter-departmental coordination.

Over 60 cities added to aviation route since 2016

Passengers at Dumna airport in Jabalpur on Friday | PTI

NEW CITIES ON AVIATION MAP

1. **BIHAR:** Darbhanga
2. **GUJARAT:** Bhavnagar, Jamnagar, Kandla, Mundra, Porbandar
3. **KARNATAKA:** Belagavi, Hubbali, Mysuru, Vidyanagar, Kalaburgi, Bidar
4. **MADHYA PRADESH:** Gwalior, Jabalpur
5. **MAHARASHTRA:** Jalgaon, Kolhapur, Nanded, Ozar
6. **RAJASTHAN:** Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Kishangarh
7. **UTTAR PRADESH:** Bareilly, Agra, Prayagraj, Kanpur, Hindon
8. **UTTARAKHAND:** Pantnagar, Pithoragarh, Sahastradhara, Chinyalisaur, Gaucher, New Tehri
9. **ASSAM:** Jorhat, Lilabari, Tezpur

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

JABALPUR in Madhya Pradesh got air connectivity with Delhi and Mumbai on Friday. It will be connected to Indore and Hyderabad next week. Bhavnagar in Gujarat got connected with Delhi, Surat and other cities, when a private airline launched 14 new flights on Friday.

Over 60 smaller cities have been added to the country's aviation map under the government's Regional Connectivity Scheme, which was launched in 2016, with a view to enable air operations on unserved routes connecting regional areas, promote balanced regional growth and make flying affordable for masses.

Flagging off flights on Friday, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said, "Aviation, that was a distant dream for the common people, is now becoming accessible. In the last 35 days, we have commenced operations of 44 new flights in Madhya Pradesh, of which 26 aircraft movements have been attributed solely to Jabalpur."

Budget carrier Indigo said that after Bhopal and Indore, Jabalpur and Gwalior will be the third and fourth stations in Madhya Pradesh. Spicejet announced 14 new flights including 12 industry-first non-stop flights. While SpiceJet will be the first airline to connect Bhavnagar-Delhi, Bhavnagar-Surat, Gwalior-Jaipur, Kishangarh (Ajmer)-Mumbai, Pune-Tirupati and Varanasi-Dehradun, the airline will also launch a non-stop flight connecting Bhavnagar with Mumbai. A spokesperson said it is one of the major regional player operating 63 daily flights under the Regional Connectivity Scheme.

On August 12, Bareilly in UP got a flight connecting Mumbai. On March 8, it became the 56th airport to commence operations under the UDAN scheme. On August 4, the first direct flight between Imphal and Shillong was flagged off.

Ministry officials said more than 360 of a total of 780 awarded routes have started connecting smaller cities and metros. A senior official said over 100 airports and heliports are to be developed by 2024. Nine airports have been developed in 2019-20 and 26 are to be developed in 2020-21. Twenty each are to be developed in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

JOBS TO 6 ASSAM COPS' KIN

The Assam government on Friday handed over appointment letters to one member each of the families of six police personnel who were killed on the line of duty during the July 26 border gunbattle

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INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	35	25	Mumbai	31	27
Bhopal	30	22	Panaji	30	26
Jaipur	32	24	Patna	33	27
Amritsar	36	24	Lucknow	35	30
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	33	29	Imphal	27	22
Srinagar	28	15	Chandigarh	37	28

PRE-POLL MATH

Yogi's late-night dash to Delhi reignites Cabinet rejig talks

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

CHIEF Minister Yogi Adityanath's late Thursday evening dash to Delhi to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah and BJP national president JP Nadda has set the power corridors in Lucknow abuzz with speculation on an impending cabinet expansion in UP soon after Rakshabandhan.

As per highly-placed sources, with the expansion of the Yogi cabinet, the nomination of four members of Legislative Council would also take place. The names were reportedly finalised at the high-level Thursday night meeting between Yogi, Shah and Nadda in the presence of UP BJP chief Swatantra Dev Singh and organisational general secretary Sunil Bansal.

At present, the Yogi Cabinet has 53 members, of which 23 are cabinet, nine ministers of state with independent charge and 21 ministers of state. As per the provision, the UP Cabinet can have 60 ministers, meaning seven berths are vacant.

Sources claimed that the names of former bureaucrat and UP BJP vice-president Arvind Kumar Sharma, Jitin Prasada, the former Congress leader who recently joined BJP, and Dr Sanjay Nishad, the chief of Nishad Party, were discussed as the possible inductees. After getting the approval of the central leadership on the names of MLC to be nominated and possible inductees in the cabinet, CM Yogi returned to Lucknow on Friday morning.

Caste balance

Consensus was evolved in the meeting in Delhi to include some faces to strike caste balance in the Cabinet ahead of the upcoming 2022 Assembly polls. Dr Sanjay Nishad and Jitin Prasad were being considered

Consensus was evolved in the meeting in Delhi to include some faces to strike caste balance in the Cabinet ahead of the upcoming 2022 Assembly polls. Prominent among those whose names were considered for Council included Dr Sanjay Nishad, Jitin Prasad and former UP BJP chief Lakshmi Kant Bajpai.

Sources claimed that Sanjay Nishad could find a place in the cabinet as he comes from an MBC. He had recently met Nadda and Shah in Delhi to discuss the OBC factor in the state in the wake of new OBC bill passed in Parliament equipping the states to draw their own OBC list. Names of Prasada was doing rounds to placate the Brahmins, who have been sulking for quite some time.

BJP wary of Naga CM's unilateral power deal

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

NAGALAND BJP's unilateral decision to form an all-party Nagaland United Government (NUG) by including the Opposition Naga People's Front (NPF) has rung alarm bells in the central leadership, with Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and the state leadership getting summons to Delhi.

Rio's Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP)-headed People's Democratic Alliance has been rechristened NUG. With 12 MLAs in the 60-member House, the BJP is a key component of the alliance. Sources said the BJP state unit had endorsed the all-party government without the approval of party's central leaders. The state leaders, however, said the decision was made due to local compulsions.

The Naga People's Front (NPF), which was the state's only Opposition party with elected members (25 MLAs), was inducted into the government on Monday to make it an all-party government. The BJP is jittery as it fears that by bringing the NPF on board, Rio is trying to finish off the saffron party in the Christian-majority state, which will go to polls early 2023.

> **The NPF was in the ICU. By inducting it into the government, the CM has revived it. The friendship between NDPP and NPF might cost the BJP dear**
>
> A senior leader

According to BJP insiders in the state, the CM was nervous about a possible threat to his chair from a section of saffron party leaders and this made him cosy up to the NPF, which he had built brick by brick until deserting it ahead of the 2018 elections.

"Rio has the blessings of the BJP's central leaders and he is, in any case, going to complete the current term. However, since an attempt is being made to topple his government, he became nervous," a BJP insider said.

"The NPF was in the ICU. By inducting it into the government, the CM has revived it," the BJP insider said, adding, "The friendship between NDPP and NPF might cost the BJP dear in the 2023 elections." Another leader said they would apprise the leadership of the ground realities and would abide by its directions.

CBI sets up four teams to probe Bengal violence

Agency writes to DGP, seeking transfer of case diaries, documents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Kolkata

A day after the Calcutta High Court ordered a CBI probe into the heinous crimes against women, murder and rape during the post-poll violence in West Bengal, the premier agency on Friday set up four teams and wrote to the director general of police, seeking the case diaries of all the FIRs registered across the state.

Each team is headed by a joint director rank officer – Anurag from Delhi, Ramnish Geer from Bhopal, Sampad Meena from Lucknow and Vineet Vinayak from Chandigarh – drawn from across the country. Each team will have about seven members, including a deputy inspector general and four superintendents of police, also called from across the country.

The teams would record the statements of victims' families, make spot visits and prepare a preliminary report before sending it to Delhi. The sleuths are likely to call the accused to its Kolkata office and record their statement. "We will go through the finding of the NHRC team and match it with the DGP's report. We will register fresh cases, if any complaint was not entertained by the state agencies," said a CBI officer.

In its report last month, the high court-appointed NHRC team recommended a CBI probe into the post-poll violence and had termed the situation in West Bengal as 'Law of Ruler', instead of the 'Rule of Law'.

No bias, say judges

Two judges on the five-member bench of the HC, which ordered a CBI probe into the post-poll violence, termed as "uncalled for" an NHRC panel expressing opinion but dismissed suggestions that some of its members were biased

Passing a unanimous order on Thursday, a five-judge bench had ordered A CBI probe and the formation of a special investigation team (SIT), comprising West Bengal cadre IPS officers. Both the agencies were ordered to submit status reports within six weeks.

In its ruling, the bench said crimes such as murder and rape "deserve to be investigated by an independent agency which in the circumstances can only be CBI." The bench said the state failed to register FIRs even in some cases.

Sources in the government said the state is considering moving the Supreme Court to challenge the HC order directing a CBI probe.

Union minister Bhupendra Yadav during the second day of the Jan Ashirwad Yatra in Ajmer on Friday | PTI

Bhupendra Yadav's Yatra to nurse his CM ambition?

RAJESH ASNANI @Jaipur

If bridging the rift between Vasundhara Raje and BJP's Rajasthan unit leadership ahead of the Assembly poll was to be a takeaway of the Jan Aashirwad Yatra, it has instead laid bare the faultlines within the party with chief ministerial ambitions taking centrestage. While Raje loyalists have given the yatra a wide berth, her detractors are promoting the campaign as Yadav Yatra to project Union minister Bhupendra Yadav as BJP's chief ministerial face.

> **Raje has been the CM of Rajasthan twice. She should leave the state and go to the Centre. Raje should given chance to other people**
>
> A BJP leader

On the second day of his Yatra on Friday, Yadav launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in Ajmer. "We could not form the government in Rajasthan in 2018. We lost with a narrow margin but it has caused huge loss to the people of Rajasthan. But now people are ready to vote out the Congress," he said.

While the stated mission of the three-day Yatra is to build public opinion in favour of BJP, Bhupendra Yadav has become its face, with senior leaders like Gajendra Shekhawat or Arjun Ram Meghwal playing the second fiddle. Yadav, who is considered close to Home Minister Amit Shah and PM Narendra Modi, is also a major strategist of the party.

BJP sources say that Bhupendra Yadav's Yatra is a show of strength, with even senior leaders accepting his rise.

While Yadav has denied the possibility of him being a CM contender, a former BJP MLA from Alwar district, Gyandev Ahuja said: "Raje has been the chief minister of Rajasthan twice. Now she should leave the state and go to the Centre. Raje should given chance to other people."

Besides Vasundhara Raje, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Arjun Meghwal, Rajyavardhan Singh, Satish Poonia and Gulab Chand Kataria, too, are aspirants for chief ministership.

Nadda lands in Uttarakhand to assess election preparedness

VINEET UPADHYAY @Haridwar

TAKING stock of the ground situation ahead of the Assembly polls next year, BJP national president J P Nadda on Friday told Uttarakhand unit functionaries to spend more time at the booth level to interact with voters and spread the word on the government's achievements. In back-to-back four meetings, Nadda met BJP chiefs of all 13 districts to assess party's preparedness.

"He asked the district presidents to interact with people at the booth level in their districts. MLAs and MPs have been tasked with delivering on welfare schemes, while ministers have been advised to work among the people and spread details of the work the government has done since 2017 among them," said a party source.

Nadda, who is on two-day visit to Uttarakhand, chair a meeting with the state's core group, meet seers and attend a programme to felicitate ex-servicemen.

He would meet former members of the Indian Armed Forces and the elected representatives of rural and urban bodies on Saturday.

Earlier in the day, he was received at the Jolly Grant Airport by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami and state BJP president Madan Kaushik.

"We apprised him of our work. At the peak of the pandemic, when other political leaders were hiding, it was BJP that was serving the people," said Kaushik.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami receiving BJP national president JP Nadda during the latter's two-day visit to the state | PTI

CM, Sidhu agree on panel for govt, party synergy

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

AFTER months of tussling, Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh and state unit president Navjot Singh Sidhu appeared to be headed towards a truce, with both of them on Friday agreeing to set up a 10-member Strategic Policy Group in the run up to the Assembly election due next year. The group aims at better coordination between the party organisation and the state government. Sources said AICC general secretary and Punjab affairs in-charge Harish Rawat would land in the state next week to cement the peace process.

Sidhu, along with working president Kuljit Singh Nagra and newly appointed general secretary (organisation) Pargat Singh, called on Amarinder to discuss steps to strengthen party-government coordination. It was Sidhu's second meeting with Amarinder after becoming the party president.

Sidhu and Amarinder agreed to set-up the Strategic Policy Group to ensure better coordination between the party and state government, while also expediting various government programmes and reform initiatives. The group would be headed by the CM and have ministers Brahm Mohindra, M S Badal and Aruna Chaudhary as members, with Sidhu, four party working presidents and Pargat Singh filling the remaining positions.

EXPRESS READ

Pro-Pakistan sloganeering in Ujjain; 20 booked

Bhopal: Pro-Pakistan slogans were allegedly raised at a Muharram gathering in Geeta Colony locality of MP's religious city Ujjain on Thursday night. With Hindu religious leaders demanding action against those who raised the slogans (the shocking incident's video had gone viral), the Jiwaji Ganj police in Ujjain booked at least 10 youth. "So far ten persons (aged between 20 and 25 years) have been booked u/s 124A (sedition) and 153B, out of which six have been arrested. We're in the process of identifying through the video footage more people who could be involved in the incident," additional SP (ASP-Ujjain) Amrendra Singh said on Friday.

2 members of Hizbul's hit squad neutralised

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

TWO Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists, who were part of a hit squad, were killed in an encounter with the security forces in Khrew area of Pampore in south Kashmir's Pulwama district on Friday.

A police official said a joint search operation was launched in Khrew based on specific information on the presence of terrorists. After plugging all the possible escape routes, the security forces zeroed-in on a residential house they were holed in.

"The terrorists were given many opportunities to surrender. However, they turned down the offer and fired indiscriminately. The fire was returned by the troops, triggering an encounter," he said.

An army official said around 6:30 am, one militant tried to escape from the house by firing at the troops. "He, however, was killed in the ensuing gunfight," the official added.

"The second terrorists continued to fire from the house but could not move out. He also was killed in the encounter in the morning," he said.

One AK-47, one pistol and other equipment were recovered from the terrorists, he said. The police identified the slain terrorists as Musaib Ahmad Bhat of Khrew, and Muzamil Ahmad Rather of Pulwama.

He said both the terrorists were part of Hizb's 'hit squad' and Musaib was involved in the killing of a government employee on July 23.

Meanwhile, Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh told security officials to intensify cordon and search operations to eliminate the remaining terrorists.

He directed the officers to further strengthen and augment intelligence apparatus as well as security grids in their respective areas for the safety and security of the people.

The DGP also directed the officers to revisit the security plans of their respective jurisdictions and remain extra alert as militant outfits were continuously trying to foment trouble and disturb the peace.

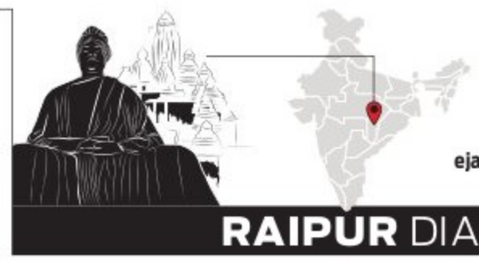
The officers briefed the DGP about the measures taken on different fronts with regard to the safety and security of the people of J-K, a spokesman for the police said.

OMAR CONCERNED OVER SPATE IN ATTACKS

Four political workers and the nephew of a political worker have been killed by terrorists in four attacks in Jammu and Kashmir in the last 11 days. The attacks have caused fear among the political workers and former J&K CM and National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah said the renewed trend of targeting politicians by is very worrying. The J&K Apni Party leader Ghulam Hassan Lone was shot dead outside his house at Devsar in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. It was the 4th attack on the political activists in J&K since August 9. Of the four attacks, three have taken place in south Kashmir's Anantnag and Kulgam districts and one attack took place in Kandli area of Rajouri in Jammu

Jindal Steel emerges as the biggest GST payer

Jindal Steel & Power Ltd-Chhattisgarh has been declared the biggest private sector Goods & Services Tax (GST) payer under the Central GST. In the overall category, it is second only to the state-owned SAIL, Bhilai. Principal Commissioner (CGST) B B Mohapatra felicitated the JSPL. JSPL-Chhattisgarh paid about `5,400 crore as GST from June 2017 to June 2021. "We felt encouraged with the decision of the government to honour JSPL-Chhattisgarh that has no GST related legal dispute in any court of law. The company follows tax rules with utmost integrity and honesty," Saraogi said.



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RAIPUR DIARY

SEC Railway gets device to monitor river water level

The South East Central Railway, the highest profit-making railway zone, Bilaspur, has installed a new sensor-equipped alert device to monitor the water level of rivers on eleven major railway bridges under its jurisdiction. The water level monitoring system supported with modern technology will instantly convey information on any abrupt rise in water level in the river. This will enable the train services to be regulated judiciously to avert any risk and ensure safe railway operation. According to the SECR officials, such automated processes are an improvement over the manual gauge system. Electromagnetic waves of the instrument pass through the air to reach the water surface, and return to the sensor to produce alert signals.

Handmade rakhis for Raksha Bandhan

Self-help Group women from different districts of the state have prepared hand-embroidered rakhis for Sunday's Raksha Bandan festival. Rakhis made of seeds & fibres of vegetables-fruits, rice husk, cow-dung, flowers and chocolates embroidered with beads, silk and colourful threads are now on the market. The women, mostly from rural background, have showcased their skills in manufacturing the eye-pleasing and eco-friendly rakhis. That such rachis are selling like hot cakes by giving cheap Chinese alternatives a run for their money is the icing on the cake.

Fancy knives seized, owners furnish bond

Proliferation of e-commerce has transformed our lives. But the digital platforms are a double-edged sword. A recent example was provided by the Durg police, which seized a sizeable number of ornate but lethal knives, pistol-lighters and air guns procured by the city youth from various digital platforms. The city police compiled a list of youth brandishing such 'attractive, yet dangerous' gadgets and tools and cracked down on them. Later, the youth, along with their parents, were made to furnish a bond pledging not to acquire such products again. "We also summoned the representatives of e-commerce marketplace and courier services to reveal their trade details and promptly make available information on such unsafe products delivered to customers," the SP said.

TALIBAN REVENGE FEARS GROW IN AFGHANISTAN

UN intelligence report says Islamist group going house-to-house searching for opponents, their kin | German public broadcaster reports militants shot dead a relative of one of its journalists | Chaos mounts as frantic Afghans continue to flood Kabul airport and roads leading to it

KABUL

THE Taliban are going house-to-house searching for opponents and their families, according to an intelligence document for the UN, that deepened fears Friday Afghanistan's new rulers were reneging on pledges of tolerance.

After routing government forces and taking over Kabul on Sunday to end two decades of war, the hardline Islamist movement's leaders have repeatedly vowed a complete amnesty as part of a well-crafted PR blitz. Women have also been assured their rights will be respected, and that the Taliban will be "positively different" from their brutal 1996-2001 rule.

But with thousands of people still trying to flee the capital, the report for the United Nations confirmed the fears of many. The Taliban have been conducting "targeted door-to-door visits" of people who worked with US and NATO forces, according to a confidential document by the UN's threat assessment consultants seen by AFP. The report, written by the Norwegian Center for Global Analyses, said militants were also screening people on the way to Kabul airport. "They are targeting the families of those who refuse to give themselves up, and prosecuting and punishing their families 'according to sharia law'," said Christian Nellemann, the group's executive director.

The German public broadcaster Deutsche Welle also reported that the Taliban had shot dead the relative of one of its journalists while searching for the editor. "The killing of a close relative of one of our editors by the Taliban yesterday is inconceivably tragic, and testifies to the acute danger in which all our employees and their families in Afghanistan find themselves," DW director general Peter Limbourg said.

Frantic Afghans continue to flood Kabul airport and the roads leading to it, searching for a way to leave the country as foreign embassies carry on with chaotic evacuations.

The Taliban have repeatedly said their fighters are not allowed to enter private homes. Nazar Mohammad Mutmaeen, a senior Taliban official, insisted this remained the policy, though he conceded some of their fighters were breaking into properties. "Some people are still doing this, possibly in ignorance," he said in a Twitter post. "We are ashamed." *AFP*

An Afghan man at the Iran-Afghanistan border, as refugees try to enter the Islamic republic following the astonishing takeover of their country by the Taliban | AFP

'NINE MINORITY MEN WERE KILLED'

Berlin: Amnesty International says the Taliban were responsible for the torture and killing of several members of Afghanistan's Hazara ethnic minority last month. The rights group said Friday that its researchers in Afghanistan spoke to eyewitnesses who recounted how the Taliban killed nine men in the Mundarakht on July 4-6. It said six were shot and three were tortured to death. The brutality of the killings was "a reminder of the Taliban's past record, and a horrifying indicator of what Taliban rule may bring", it added. *AP*

A US soldier shoots in the air while standing guard behind the barbed wire as Afghans sit on roadside near the military part of the Kabul airport on Friday | AFP

32 trapped for over 12 days between Poland and Belarus: Refugee group

WARSAW

A POLISH refugee rights group said Friday that 32 people who fled Afghanistan have been trapped for 12 days in an area between Poland and Belarus while caught up in a standoff between the two countries.

The group, Fundacja Ocalenie, called on Polish authorities to allow the people to apply for refugee status in Poland, saying they have the right to do so. Polish authorities are refusing to let them in, and Belarusian guards will not let them return. "In accordance with the law in force in Poland, each of these people should be allowed to submit an application for protection," Piotr Bystrianin, the president of the group's management board, said in a statement.

Afghan migrants rest at a makeshift encampment on the border between Belarus and Poland in Usnarz Gorny, northeast Poland, on Friday | AFP

Poland and the Baltic states of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia accuse Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko of sending migrants across their borders with his country in what they have called an act of 'hybrid war'. Their borders also form part of the European Union's external border, and the countries believe Lukashenko is acting in revenge for sanctions the EU imposed over his disputed reelection and crackdown on dissent.

Most of the recent migrants traveling from Belarus are believed to be originally from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Poland has deployed hundreds of soldiers to the border and is reinforcing it with barbed wire. Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki said Thursday that he sympathised with the migrants, but insisted that they were 'a tool in the hands of Mr. Lukashenko'. *AP*

PAK TO EXPECT NEW US CHASM

Washington: After 9/11 attacks, the US gave Pakistan an ultimatum to break with the Taliban. Pakistan offered help but insisted — it will not be abandoned again, as in the 1990s after Washington lost interest in Afghanistan. Twenty years later, it looks likely that Pakistan will be abandoned again. "Pakistan is too important to be permanently ignored by the US but this time Americans will take longer to determine the depth of this relationship," said Husain Haqqani, Pakistan's former ambassador to Washington. AFP

RESISTANCE WILL BE A STRUGGLE: ANALYSTS

PARIS

THE Panjshir Valley north of Afghanistan's capital Kabul is the final major centre of resistance to the Taliban, but analysts say the fighters gathered there will struggle if the Islamist hardliners launch a full-scale attack. Surrounded by the high peaks of the Hindu Kush north of Kabul, the Panjshir has long had a reputation as a bastion of resistance — legendary military commander Ahmad Shah Massoud successfully defended it during the Soviet-Afghan War and the civil war with the Taliban up to his death in 2001. Right now, it is the only part of the country confirmed to be beyond Taliban control after a lightning offensive saw the rest of the country quickly capitulate. Amrullah Saleh, latterly the country's vice president and a key powerbroker under the Western-backed governments of the last two decades, and Ahmad Massoud, the son of Ahmad Shah Massoud, have both taken refuge in the area and called for an uprising against the Taliban. However, analysts doubt Panjshir can become a serious threat to the Taliban. "The resistance for the moment is just verbal because the Taliban have not yet tried to enter the Panjshir," said Afghan specialist Gilles Dorronsoro from Sorbonne University in Paris.

Abdul Sayed, an independent researcher, said he did not share Massoud's optimism for the chances of resistance. "The Taliban surround Panjshir from all sides and I don't think Massoud's son can resist much more than a couple of months."

A Frenchman who fought alongside Massoud's father in the end of the 1990s said Massoud had been preparing for months and had built up forces. They have the means to make a show and shut themselves up in the valley, but little more, he said. *AFP*

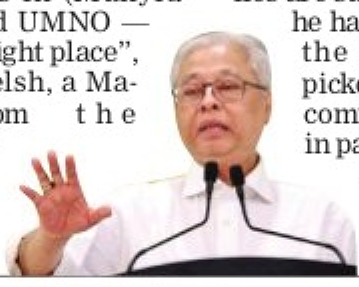
Ismail Sabri Yaakob: Malaysia's new premier an establishment stalwart

KUALA LUMPUR

MALAYSIA'S incoming premier Ismail Sabri Yaakob is a veteran politician from the country's longest-ruling party, but analysts say he is a stop-gap leader with little chance of ending long-running turbulence.

The 61-year-old was named prime minister Friday after the collapse of Muhyiddin Yassin's administration this week, and is Malaysia's third new premier in less than four years. He is from the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), the main party in a coalition that governed Malaysia for decades after independence.

Relatively low profile most of his career, he rose to greater prominence during Muhyiddin's 17-month administration. As defence minister, he gave daily briefings on the fight against the pandemic and was promoted to deputy prime minister in the administration's final days. His links between different factions may give the new government marginally stronger backing in parliament than during the chaotic Muhyiddin era, analysts say. Ismail Sabri is "a bridge between the different camps in (Muhyiddin's party) and UMNO — the man in the right place", said Bridget Welsh, a Malaysia expert from the University of Nottingham. But his government is effectively an expanded version of the one that just fell apart — Muhyiddin and his allies are supporting him — and he has not been elected by the public. The king picked PM based on who commands most support in parliament rather than going for an election for fear it could worsen a dire virus outbreak. He is likely to face constant attacks from the Opposition, and risks starting his term with damaged credibility as he was key in overseeing the last administration's criticised Covid response. "He was a leader... in Covid mismanagement. The policies were seen to not be very effective," said Welsh. *AFP*



PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Mrs. M. DEEPA W/o M. Narasimhalu,** intends to purchase the agriculture land bearing Sy.No.155/4 (old No.155/1) of URUGALLI village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara district in all measuring **1 Acre 7½ Guntas.**

Persons having any interest right, title or share over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 7 days from this day to the undersigned.

S. Umesh, Advocate
21/2, Vasanthapura Road,
Konanakute Cross, Bangalore-62.
Ph:97393 61413

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients intent to purchase the Schedule property from its owner Sri. S. Sivaraman S/o Sri. K.R. Subramanian, residing at No.11, 6th Cross, Off Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560 003.

If any person/s have any manner of right, title, interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.6, PID No.51-25-6, measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 60 ft, in all measuring 2400 Sq.ft, with a building thereon, situated at 5th Cross, 5th Main Road, N.R.Colony, Bangalore and bounded on:
East by : 5th Main Road
West by : House belonging to Dr.Sabhapathy
North by : 5th Cross Road
South by : House belonging to Munirama Setty

Sd/- S.F. Goutam Chand,
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560 004.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, **SUPRABHA RAO,** R/o Flat No. 6FD, IMG Elite, Raghavanapalya, JP Nagar 9th Phase, 7th Block, Bangalore-560 062 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SUPRABHA SUDINDRA RAO** to **SUPRABHA RAO,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **SUPRABHA RAO** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th August 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **AMBRESHAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAGHUNATH (New name),** aged about 52 years, S/o Bola Poojary, R/o No. 9, Siddeshwara Nilaya, 4th A Main, F-Cross, Kalyananagar, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560072, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAGHUNATHA BOLA POOJARY (Old Name)** to **RAGHUNATH (New Name),** henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAGHUNATH** only, vide affidavit dated 19-08-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B.A. LAKSHMINARAYANA RAO** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GULAM MEHMOOD HANIF ZAVERI,** aged about 28 years, S/o Hanif Majid Zaveri, residing at Flat # 405, Oasis Apartment, 10th Cross Road, 1st Main, 2nd Block, HBR Layout, Kalyanagar, Bengaluru-560043 have changed my name to **GULAM MEHMOOD ZAVERI,** vide affidavit dated: 19/8/2021, sworn before Notary **S.I. BALAGURU.**

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) NIVEDITHA,** W/o Nagaraja S Hebbar, residing at Flat No. 103, 7 Hills Paradise, Srinivasapura Cross, Channasandra, Bengaluru - 560 098 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) NIVEDITHA** to **(NEW NAME) NIVEDITHA HEBBAR** vide affidavit dated 13.08.2021 sworn before Notary Ravi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KOUSHIK MAKODU BASAVEGOUDA,** age 52 years, S/o Basavegowda Makodu Subbegowda, residing at Hosahallipet, Chikmagalur, Karnataka-577130, camp at Bengaluru do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KOUSHIK MAKODU BASVEGOWDA** to **KOUSHIK MAKODU BASAVEGOUDA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KOUSHIK MAKODU BASAVEGOUDA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 19th August 2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.I. BALAGUGU** at Bangalore.

DECLARATION

I, **DEEPIKA & SHARADA R** W/o Vyasaguru G.D. Residing at No.13, 1st Main Road, ... Devarachikkanahalli, Bangalore South, ... Savi... 'SHA... my name is mentioned as ... so, 'DEEPIKA' W/o Vyasaguru G.D & 'SHARADA R' ...vendra M.A. Both name... same and belongs to me. vide affidavit dt 18.08.2021, sworn befo... Bengaluru.

THE WAY TO GET STARTED IS TO QUIT TALKING AND BEGIN DOING
WALT DISNEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform to the General public that My client Smt SUKANYA PRABHUDEVA, W/o S. S. PRABHUDEVA, aged about 61 years, #144/A, 8th Main, Gokul Extension, Bangalore-560054. Has lost the registered sale deed #7751/1998-99, CD#TCD-023 She lodged the police complaint to that effect on 19-08-2021 vide lost report No. 0032648/2021. Hence this is the notice to inform to the General public that if any person and persons were come in the possession of the above documents the same may be returned. Kindly forward to the undersigned. The finder will be suitably reward by the owner of the property.

G.R. RAVI CHANDRA REDDY, Advocate,
No.61, 11th Cross, Kogilu,
Bangalore-560064.

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act.) read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (the said Rules). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the said Rules, the Authorised Officer of IIFL Home Finance Ltd. (IIFL HFL) (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) has issued Demand Notices under section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s), to repay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them. In connection with above, notice is hereby given, once again, to the Borrower(s) to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s), amount due as on date of **Demand Notice i.e. 13-Aug-2021** and security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Name of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
Mrs. Vijaya M, Mrs. Deepa R, Mr. Ramu M **(Prospect No 880754)**	**13-August-2021** **Rs. 8,95,369/-** (Rupees Eight Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Nine Only)	All that piece and parcel of the property being: Portion of Vacant Site Bearing No 3 Katha No 24/1, Situated at, SarakkiKere Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru, South Taluk, 560078, Karnataka, India admeasuring 330 sq. feet.

If the said Borrowers fail to make payment to IIFL HFL as aforesaid, IIFL HFL may proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks, costs and consequences of the Borrowers For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 and/or **Corporate Office :** IIFL Tower, Plot No. 98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Date: 21-August-2021 **Place:** Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer **For IIFL Home Finance Limited**

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POSSESSION NOTICE Under Rule 8 (1)

WHEREAS the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited ,under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notices calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.

The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

Under section 13 [8] of the Securitisation Act, the borrowers can redeem the secured asset by payment of the entire outstanding including all costs, charges and expenses before notification of sale.

SI No.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER & LOAN ACCOUNT NUMBER	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	DETAILS OF PROPERTY POSSESSED	DATE OF POSSESSION
A	B	C	D	E	F
1.	Loan Account No: X0HLBNA00002767327 1.Ajay Giri V 2.Basamma V Both residing at # 103, 4th Cross, Coxtown Jeevanahalli Bangalore-560005	29.05.2021	Rs. 34, 22,844.48 as on 28.05.2021	All that piece and parcel of the Western Portion of Property bearing No.103, Old No.43 / 44, PID NO.86-77-103, Situated at Jeevanahalli Cox Town, Bangalore 560005, Presently within the limits of BBMP, BBMP Ward No.86 and bounded on: East by: Private Property,West By: Premises bearing No.126 / 2 and a portion of premises bearing No.126/2, North By: Private Property,South By: Cross Road. Measuring East by 40 feet 6 inches; West 40 feet 6 inches and North 16 feet and South 14 feet, in all measuring 609 Square feet along with constructed building thereon	16.08.2021

Date : 21.08.2021 AUTHORISED OFFICER
Place: Bangalore M/s. Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited

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NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER
N.I.T No.-BMSICL/Infra/19/2021
(Through E-Procurement Mode Only)

Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (BMSICL), Patna invites Re-Tender for Construction of 191 Bedded Hospital in the campus of Amar Shahid Jagdev Prasad Sadar Hospital at Jehanabad, Bihar through e-procurement process from Firms/Contractors of repute registered in any class under any State Govt./Central Govt./PSU's of State/Central Govt. However they will have to get register in Suitable class after issue of LOA in BMSICL.

2. Name and Scope of Work:

The Scope of work under this work includes Civil works construction with Internal/External plumbing & sanitary works, electrical works (LT & HT), site development, boundary wall, sewerage treatment plant, fire detection, fire alarm and suppression, CCTV, landscaping, Medical/Non Medical Furniture and MGPS etc.

Sl. No.	Name of work	BOQ Amount (In Rs. Crore)	Earnest Money (In Rs. Crore)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Bid Processing Fee	Period of Complet-ion
1.	Construction of 191 Bedded Hospital in the campus of Amar ShahidJagdev Prasad Sadar Hospital at Jehanabad, Bihar	83.88	0.938	10,000/-	17,700/-	30 months

3. Tender Schedule:

Sl.No.	Activity	Date
1.	Period of Sale of Tender document (Download)	Upto 13.09.2021 at 15:00 hrs. on (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in).
2.	Date, Time and Place of Pre-Bid meeting	27.08.2021 at 11.00 hrs. in the office of BMSICL.
3.	Last Date and time for receipt (upload) of Tender	14.09.2021 upto 17:00 hrs. on website (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)
4.	Date/Time for submission of Original/Hard Copy of Tender Fee, EMD and Tender documents.	16.09.2021 upto 15.00 hrs. in the office of BMSICL.
5.	Date/Time and Place for Opening of Tender	16.09.2021 at 15.30 on (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)in the office of BMSICL.
6.	Date/Time and Place for Opening of Financial Bid	24.09.2021 at 15.30 on (www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)in the office of BMSICL.

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C.G.M. (Project)
BMSICL,Patna

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
300.17 ▼	Sensex	55,329.32	₹25.4 ▼	24 carat (1 gm)	₹4,732.9	₹1,703 ▼	Per kg	₹62,233	▼	Dollar	74.38
118.35 ▼	Nifty	16,450.50	₹25.3 ▼	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,713.9	₹1.703 ▼	Per gm	₹62.233	▼	Euro	86.83

Inflation worries trigger debate on RBI's measures

Members flagged persistence in inflation during monetary policy meeting this month

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE minutes of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) August monetary policy committee (MPC) released on Friday sheds light on growing disparity, with external members flagging discomfort given rising signs of persistence in inflation, though their near-term focus is on supporting growth.

Earlier this month, the committee voted to keep its benchmark rates on hold and vowed to maintain an accommodative stance "as long as necessary".

3.35% The current reverse repo rate

4% The current repo rate

4% The inflation target of RBI

However, the sole dissenting voice Prof Jayant Varma, argued that low rates were actually fanning inflation. The RBI, he said, must start phased normalisation by raising the ultra-low reverse repo rate — which is currently at 3.35% — despite it not being within the mandate of the MPC in order to keep the repo rate at 4% for a longer period.

"I believe that the current level of the reverse repo rate is no longer appropriate. In my view, a phased normalisation would increase the ability of the MPC to keep the repo rate at 4% for a longer period, and this should in my view be a greater priority for the MPC than maintaining an ultra low reverse repo rate for some more time," according to Varma.

Easy money today, the external member said, could lead to high interest rates tomorrow thereby not helping the recovery and the monetary accommodation appears to be stimulating asset price inflation to a greater extent than it is mitigating the distress in the economy.

"...a low long-term interest rate is more important for inducing investment-led growth than a low short-term rate," Varma said, calling for a rise in reverse repo rate. MPC's inflation target is 4% and not 6% or even 5%. For 2021-22, inflation is forecast to be well above 5%. "By creating the erroneous perception that the MPC is no longer concerned about inflation and is focused exclusively on growth, the MPC may be inadvertently aggravating the risk that inflationary expectations will be disanchored. In that scenario, rising risk premia could cause long-term rates to rise," he noted.

The majority view, however, remained dovish. External members of the committee such as Ashima Goyal cautioned on the risks of inflation becoming more persistent from supply shocks even as RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and Deputy Governor Michael Patra remained more focused on growth in their commentary.

Falling crude rates to reverse fuel price trend

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Chennai

THE steady decline in global crude oil prices over the past fortnight has begun to offer some relief to India's battered auto fuel customers, with diesel prices being cut for the third straight day on Friday. While petrol prices have not fallen, industry sources say they are likely to follow suit soon, reflecting the fall in crude rates.

Brent crude oil prices have dived over $10 per barrel since the beginning of August and are currently trading at $65.6 on the spot market—their lowest level since May.

Crude oil prices have begun facing concerted pressure on the demand side due to fears that the rising number of Delta variant Covid-19 cases globally may result in the return of lockdowns and a demand crash.

On the supply side, there has been a sharp increase in the number of operating rigs in the United States, leading to a rise in production.

India's oil companies generally price petrol and diesel based on a 15-day rolling average of the respective international benchmark rates. According to industry sources, this graph has begun to trend downwards over the past week, resulting in the price cuts.

Fuel prices had seen their first revision in over a month on Monday, when diesel prices were cut by between 19-21 paise a litre, bringing the rates down to ₹89.67 per litre in New Delhi.

Similar cuts on Thursday and Friday have brought diesel prices down to ₹89.27 per litre in New Delhi, ₹96.84 in Mumbai, ₹93.84 in Chennai and ₹92.32 in Kolkata.

"There will be some relief for customers because there is a little more crude oil supply in the market than was factored in earlier (due to the rise in US rigs), and the delta variant is raising genuine fears that demand will again be dented—especially in places like the US and China. This is causing a fall in both spot and futures prices internationally. So once the benchmark rates fall, oil companies will start doing so for petrol too," said an industry executive.

Goldman Sachs, for instance, has now cut its estimates for GDP growth in the US due to delta variant concerns, which oil market observers say could have a further impact on oil demand in the second half of this year.

However, while both these factors are likely to keep prices low in the immediate future, analysts still expect crude rates to continue on their general recovery trend in the medium-to-long term once cases fall again.

Govt notifies changes in FEMA to enable up to 74% FDI in insurance

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE government has amended the Foreign Exchange Management (non-debt instruments) Rules, 2019 to enable the increase in foreign direct investment limit in the insurance sector to 74%.

"Applications for foreign direct investment in private banks having joint venture or subsidiary in insurance sector may be addressed to the Reserve Bank for consideration in consultation with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), in order to ensure that the limit of foreign investment applicable for the insurance sector as specified in serial number F. 8.1 and F. 8.2 is not breached," the notification said.

FDI cap raised from 49%

In March, Parliament had passed a bill to raise the foreign direct investment limit in the insurance sector from 49% to 74%. The Insurance Act, 1938 was last amended in 2015, which raised the FDI limit to 49 %, resulting in a foreign capital inflow of `26,000 crore in the last 5 years

Earlier in March, Parliament passed a bill to raise the foreign direct investment (FDI) limit in the insurance sector from 49% to 74%. The Insurance Act, 1938 was last amended in 2015, which raised the FDI limit to 49%, resulting in a foreign capital inflow of ₹26,000 crore in the last five years.

In May, the finance ministry had notified the Indian Insurance Companies (foreign investment) Amendment Rules, 2021 that require insurers with foreign ownership of over 49% to maintain a solvency margin of 180%, if they declare dividend payments in a financial year.

The rules suggest that insurance companies with foreign ownership above 51% will have to set aside 50% of their net profit in a general reserve, if they cannot meet the 180% margin requirement.

Such insurance companies also need to have 50% of their directors as independent directors. Foreign-owned insurance companies are also mandated to have the majority of its directors and key management persons as resident Indians.

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Facebook enters loan biz to tap Indian SMEs

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

FACEBOOK on Friday launched its lending initiative for nearly 30 million small businesses which have a presence on Facebook, Instagram and Whatsapp, by offering them small-ticket loans in the size of ₹5-50 lakhs in collaboration with Indifi, a lending platform.

Indifi is a series C funded debt financing platform, backed by Omidyar Networks, Accel Partners and Elevar Equity which has disburses more than 20,000 loans and has 20 lenders on board.

The social media giant has been eyeing the Medium and Small Enterprises (MSME) market in India for quite sometime now. India is the first market, where the company has launched a lending programme for small businesses. The loans will have a pre-defined interest rate of 7-20% per annum and will be disbursed within five days.

Facebook's Managing Director (India) Ajit Mohan said that the internet firm doesn't plan to monetise through its fresh initiative and the procedures/ eligibility of loan disbursal will be decided by the partner lenders. In days to come, Facebook plans to partner with Non-Banking Financial Corporations (NBFCs) and other lenders to help expand the initiative. Facebook has rolled out the programme in 100 cities and will soon expand the initiative to 100 more cities across India.

Mohan told TNIE that endeavour will be to help those businesses scale who typically find it difficult to access credit through the conventional lending channels. "Facebook's role will be to assess business in terms of its activity, behaviour on various platforms which includes advertising as well as selling online," he added.

"The integration of business through Facebook, Whatsapp and Instagram platforms, announcements of data sharing on business groups recently signal a change in monetisation strategy of the company, beyond social networking," a top industry insider said.

For the cash crippled SME industry, which has already borne the brunt of Covid and slowed consumption, digital sales offer a new avenue accelerated by changed shopping behaviour during the pandemic.

SELLING PRESSURE

Metal stocks fall up to 9%; Nifty may see correction

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

AFTER a strong rally in recent times, metal stocks are under some heavy selling pressure. Amid concerns over Chinese steel production and faltering global growth, shares of metal companies fell between 4-9% on Friday with the BSE Metal index plunging nearly 7%.

Sector giant Tata Steel, whose stock value has grown over 200% in the last one year, fell over 8% per cent to close the Friday session at ₹1,375. Vedanta, Jindal Steel & Power (JSPL), Vedanta, NMDC and Steel Authority of India (SAIL) dropped between 5-9% on the BSE.

This sharp selling is mainly attributed to expected fall in Chinese steel output and consumption as the Country has directed steel mills to curb output to meet carbon emission goals. "Though metals started the week outshining other indices, a sharp plunge in iron ore futures across the world triggered heavy selling in the sector," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services. Analysts at BofA Securities believe that rally in metals is likely near an end.

The poor performance of metal stocks also dragged down the benchmark indexes as Sensex and Nifty both fell over half a per cent on Friday. In the coming sessions, market is expected to remain under pressure and even witness a major correction. At present, global cues are not favourable as Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting minutes suggested the increase of the likelihood of tapering of asset purchases in CY21.

"Our analysis of past market rallies suggests the current rally could have limited further runway. We see risk of estimate cuts and with valuations at a peak, we expect markets to correct 9% near term with our Nifty target at 15000," said BofA Securities in a note on 20 August.

Sebi plans swing pricing in debt fund valuations

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IN order to protect existing investors in a mutual fund scheme from the dilution of funds' value due to exit and entry of investors, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is planning to introduce the Swing Pricing mechanism.

Swing Pricing mechanism is adjusting the net asset value (NAV) of units of a mutual fund scheme so as to ensure that the cost incurred due to subscription or redemption is not borne by existing customers but instead by those who are buying or selling the units of the fund.

Sebi says swing pricing is needed to address issues in addition to above costs of bid-offer spread and transaction costs. "There is a need for a mechanism that imposes certain cost on exiting investors (since they are contributing to a downward spiral in NAV) while incentivising entering investors (since they are helping to stem the downward spiral in NAV)," says Sebi in a consultation paper issued recently. The capital market regulator has planned to initially implement the mechanism in case of open-ended debt schemes with high or very high risk. Subsequently, the mechanism would be implemented on other schemes.

Swing pricing would be applicable to all unitholders with an exemption for redemptions up to ₹2 lakh for all unitholders and up to ₹5 lakh for senior citizens at mutual fund level in order to keep retail investor and senior citizen insulated from the applicability of swing pricing to certain extent. Sebi has also proposed that each mutual fund company must have laid down policies and approved procedures of swing pricing. It also proposes that all fund houses must provide clear disclosures regarding the swing pricing mechanism in their scheme documents.

The market regulator has sought public comment on whether there is a need for swing pricing, whether India should follow full/partial swing or a hybrid model and other dos and don'ts of the mechanism. The last date for filing comments on the proposals is August 25, 2021.

GMR spending ₹20k cr on airports' expansion

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HYDERABAD-BASED GMR Group is investing ₹20,000 crore to expand existing airports and developing new aerodromes, said GM Rao, Chairman of the infra major, in the Group's latest annual report.

GMR's airport business comprises four operating airports — Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, Bidar Airport at Karnataka and Mactan Cebu International Airport in the Philippines.

Besides, two assets — Greenfield Airports at Mopa, Goa and Crete International Airport in Greece — are under construction. The group has also signed the concession agreement for a Greenfield Bhogapuram International Airport in Andhra Pradesh in June 2020 and development works are in progress.

At present, Delhi Airport is undergoing expansion of its airside infrastructure and terminal capacity to 100 million passengers annually. The entire Phase 3A expansion is now planned to be completed by June 2023, imformed Rao. Hyderabad Airport is also underway to complete its expansion to a capacity of 35 million passengers annually by September 2022.

To meet the anticipated funding needs of the expansion project and to repay the $289 million bond maturing in FY22, Delhi Airport raised $450 million in the form of overseas green bonds. As for Hyderabad, the airport has issued 5-year bonds amounting to $300 million last fiscal.

Separately, after the Nagpur bench of Bombay High Court ruling, GMR said it is would develop Nagpur airport into a "world-class facility". The court had recently set aside an order of Mihan--a joint venture of Maharashtra Airport Development Company and Airport Authority of India. Mihan, in March 2020, had cancelled the award letter issued to GMR group, but the high court has asked it to execute a concession agreement with the GMR group in six weeks.

The existing facilities at Nagpur airport have been operating close to the maximum capacity, handling a total of about 3 million passengers and 9,500 metric tonnes of cargo during the financial year 2019-20.

Eicher shareholders oppose Lal as MD

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE board of Eicher Motors is likely to seek shareholders approval again to allow Siddhartha Lal to continue as the managing director (MD) after a resolution for re-appointment was put down over a proposed salary hike.

The company fell short of the 75% vote share required for Lal's re-appointment and remuneration. Around 26.95% of the shareholders voted against this Special Resolution during an annual general meeting (AGM) on August 17.

Lal, however, continues to be the director and CEO of the company. He received 86.18% votes for his re-appointment as director, allowing him to continue as the director and CEO of Eicher Motors.

According to reports, Lal's reappointment proposal was voted down by the shareholders over a 10% proposed hike in his salary. In FY21, Lal total remuneration was ₹21 crore, which included a salary of ₹7.38 crore, commissions of ₹6.70 crore and perquisites of ₹7.04 crore. Sales of Eicher's flagship Royal Enfield's motorcycles fell 12% to 573,438 units in FY21 compared to 656,651 units in FY20, which was an 18.46% decline from FY19. These development also come just a week after Vinod K Dasari stepped down as the CEO of Royal Enfield.

EXPRESS READ

Microsoft Corp invests $5 mn in OYO

New Delhi: Tech giant Microsoft Corporation has invested nearly $5 million (about `37 crore) in OYO through the issuance of equity shares and compulsory convertible cumulative preference shares on a private placement basis by the latter.

S&P puts Tata Group cos on CreditWatch

New Delhi: S&P Global Ratings on Friday placed the ratings on Tata Group firms - Tata Steel, Tata Motors, ABJA Investment Co Pte Ltd, TML Holdings Pte Ltd and Jaguar Land Rover Automotive Plc - on CreditWatch with positive implications,

'Differential licensing for network layers to cut cost'

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Chennai

THE Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has made several recommendations on reworking India's telecom network ecosystem, including creating a new category of entities called Access Network Providers that will offer wholesale network services but will not be allowed to offer services to end-customers. Other recommendations include unbundling layers through differential licensing and laying down a broad framework for virtual network operators.

According to internet sector association Broadband India Forum (BIF), implementing these recommendations is expected to facilitate increased sharing of network resources, spur entry of new players while reducing costs and encouraging investments.

The industry body said that reforming the licensing and regulatory regime via differential licensing would help facilitate the entry of new players into the market, and promote ease of doing business. "They would also act as a catalyst for bringing in new technologies into the industry, which would promote innovation," it said.

12.83 lakh new enrolments in EPFO in June

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE Employees' Provident Funds Organization (EPFO) has added 12.83 lakh net subscribers during June, according to payroll data released on Friday.

Around 6.15 lakh new subscribers were in the age group of 18-25 years, which is 47.89% of the net additions. This was followed by members in the age group of 29-35 years with around 2.55 lakh payroll additions. Age-wise data indicates that first-time job seekers are joining organised sector workforce in large numbers.

"Of the total 12.83 lakh net subscribers added during the month, around 8.11 lakh new members have come under the social security coverage of Employees' Provident Funds Scheme for the first time," the labour ministry said in a statement.

The net addition of female members at 2.56 lakh saw an increase of around 0.79 lakh from the number of new additions in this category during the previous month. Maharashtra, Haryana, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are at the forefront of payroll addition with 7.78 lakh subscribers in June, it said.

Cairns off life support after heart surgery

Former New Zealand all-rounder Chris Cairns is off life support and is recovering following a heart surgery, his lawyer said on Friday. Cairns had suffered a major medical emergency — an aortic dissection — earlier this month and was put on life support. Aortic dissection is a serious condition in which a tear happens in the inner layer of the body's main artery.

Boxers' tough flight pays off

Youth and junior pugilists finally reach Dubai, medals assured for quite a few

ANMOL GURUNG @ Chennai

BARELY a few hours after landing in Dubai, some of the young boxers entered ring to show their fighting spirit on Friday. Moreover, these boxers had been stuck at the Delhi airport for many hours for two days. Most of them would have barely had proper sleep in the last couple of days or so. Despite the ordeal, some of the boxers put up a brave performance to post victories on the opening day of the Asian Junior and Youth Championships, being held in the UAE.

Granting of visa late on Tuesday due to travel restrictions and confusion over pre-departure covid protocol for UAE, the boxers/officials had been declined by airport authorities to fly on Wednesday. On such a short notice, it was always going to be a challenge for the Boxing Federation of India to get alternate flights at the earliest. This meant Indian officials/coaches was not able to attend the technical/official draw, which was conducted on Thursday evening. With hope of leaving on Thursday, the boxers had returned to the Delhi airport in the afternoon. Since number of flights to UAE are just a few, only 23 members could be find seats, forcing the BFI to send the contingent in batches. As per the draw, as many as 10 junior boxers from the country were scheduled to begin their campaign on Friday.

Junior boxer Rohit Chamoli (R) celebrates his victory on the opening day | ASBC

It was going to be touch on go with the BFI, bearing the likely bouts in mind, doing all they can to arrange an early morning flight. Their efforts paid off as they managed to send all the junior boxers early in the morning. After reaching in the afternoon, the day's proceeding began at 4pm (Dubai time). First to enter the ring for India was Rohit Chamoli (48kg), who pulled off a solid win to march into the semifinals and assure himself a bronze medal at least. Nikhil (54kg), Anshul (57kg), Preet Malik (63kg), Ankush (66kg) were equally impressive, winning their respective bouts. "It was a great experience, I'm delighted," Rohit told this daily. The last few days of ordeal is not lost on Rohit. "Bohot jyada (A lot)," he replied, when asked if the last two few days had been demanding.

Positive energy from coaches spurred him to beat the odds and pull off a win. "The coaches motivated us a lot. I entered the ring thinking about my personal coach," the youngster from Uttarakhand, said.

Before throwing even a single punch, boxers from India were assured of 21 medals in the continental event due to less entries. A total of nine pugilists from the country will contest in the final. The organisers were initially expecting participation from 18 countries but many boxers pulled out or sent smaller squads because of the Covid-19 restrictions in place.

Meanwhile, the final batch of boxers comprising mostly of youth women departed from Delhi on Friday evening.

TOUR OF ENGLAND

Ashwin question facing Team India

VIVEK KRISHNAN @ Chennai

ON Thursday evening, a fresh video dropped on R Ashwin's YouTube channel. It was a 28-minute informal chat between Ashwin and Team India's fielding coach R Sridhar that offered a dressing-room perspective of India's thumping victory over England at Lord's. The video – with the caption 'Kutti Story is back' – has over 515K views already. For the uninitiated, the concept of the 'Kutti Story' became extremely popular in Australia earlier this year, when India's epoch-defining series win was followed by a stream of engaging, light-hearted conversations between Ashwin and members of India's coaching staff.

Ashwin, of course, played an integral role during the series win in Australia with both bat and ball. He took 12 wickets in three Tests, made Steve Smith look like a novice and took multiple blows on his body to save the Sydney Test with the bat. As things stand, however, his on-field role in this series looks likely to be limited. It seems hard to comprehend how a man with 413 Test wickets and five centuries is sitting out of India's playing XI, but India's preference for playing four seamers and just the lone spinner in seam-friendly conditions is taking precedence. Despite Ashwin's all-round credentials, Ravindra Jadeja's superiority with the bat gives him the edge.

The remaining three Tests are at Headingley, The Oval and Old Trafford. Both Headingley and Old Trafford are situated in the north of England and have historically favoured the fast bowlers. The Oval is in London and is considered a little more conducive for spin bowlers, especially as this is the latter half of the English summer. Given how well India's four-pronged pace attack has bowled, Ashwin's only chance to don the white flannels may be in the fourth Test at The Oval. That is how former leg-spinner and commentator Laxman Sivaramakrishnan sees it anyway. "I think India will stick to the same strategy if the conditions remain the same. Maybe at The Oval, the weather can get a little warm and Ashwin may get an opportunity. The Oval also has a little bit of turn and bounce. In Leeds and Manchester, I see four fast bowlers playing and Jadeja playing with them as the spinner," Sivaramakrishnan said during a virtual interaction on Friday.

The merit of playing a fourth pacer versus a spinner of Ashwin's calibre remains up for debate.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Watch the 3rd England vs India Test live from 3.30 PM on Sony Six (English) and Sony Ten 4 (Tamil & Telugu) from August 25

Shaili qualifies for final as best jumper

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

FOR any athlete, the first international event can be intimidating. Even Shaili Singh was feeling the jitters during her first jump at the World U20 Athletics Championships. There was a tinge of nervousness but deep inside she had that belief of performing well. The first jump was enough for her to make the final when she cleared 6.34m, a mere .01m less than the automatic qualification mark. By the end of the round, her coach Robert Bobby George knew she would be in the top five, enough to qualify.

He told Shaili to relax and not exert too much. "I told her only if she wants she can try and better the first jump," he said. "It was not necessary at the point because we knew she would qualify with that distance."

Shaili, however, said she was comfortable and would give a try during the last jump. The 17-year-old has been consistently clearing 6.40m this season and that's what she did with her final jump and qualified as the best jumper across both groups. She created a junior national record with a jump of 6.48m in July. Sweden's Maja Askag qualified behind her, clearing 6.39m. Askag's personal best is 6.45m. Spain's Tessy Ebosele with a personal and season best of 6.63m could only manage 6.18m. In fact, the next best in Group B where Shaili was competing was Shantae Foreman of Jamaica with a jump of 6.27m.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

LOCAL EXPRESS

Three athletes and one coach to get cash awards

BENGALURU: Karnataka Governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot will present cheques of Rs 1 lakh each to golfer Aditi Ashok, equestrian Fouaad Mirza, swimmer Srihari Nataraj, who were part of Indian contingent at Tokyo Olympics. Women's hockey assistant coach Ankitha Suresh will also get the award. The Governor is expected to honour them at a function soon.

BFC to meet Kings in AFC Cup

Bengaluru FC will meet Bangladesh Premier League champions Bashundhara Kings, in the Group D clash of the AFC Cup in Maldives on Saturday. The Blues lost their opening game against ATK Mohun Bagan while the Kings defeated Maziya S&RC. Sunil Chhetri and co will need to come up with an improved performance if they are to collect three points.

Bajrang to consult Mumbai doctor

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

AIMING to fix the knee injury, which has been troubling him from even before the Olympics, ace wrestler Bajrang Punia is expected to consult Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala soon. Dr Pardiwala heads the Centre for Sports Medicine at Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital. The 65kg wrestler got the MRI scan done a few days ago and it is learnt that he has been advised to meet Dr Pardiwala, who has treated the country's finest sportspersons including Tokyo Olympics gold medallist Neeraj Chopra and wrestlers like Sushil Kumar and Vinesh Phogat.

It is also learnt that Bajrang's fellow wrestlers — Deepak Punia (86kg) and Sonam Malik (62kg) — have either consulted or are going to consult an expert soon for the injuries they have been nursing for quite some time now. Deepak, who missed out on an Olympic bronze by a whisker, battled the knee injury during his semifinal loss against USA's David Taylor. Sources confirmed that Deepak also visited an expert in Mumbai a couple of days ago.

"We showed the MRI scan to a doctor here in Haryana and he advised us to meet Dr Pardiwala in Mumbai. We will soon make an appointment and meet him," said a source tracking the development. Bajrang had suffered the injury during a local event in Russia ahead of the Tokyo Games. Later, he had admitted that the injury troubled him during the marquee event wherein he managed to win a bronze medal.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Manika, Sathiyan clinch WTT Contender title

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

AFTER a gap of over three years, the pair of Manika Batra and G Sathiyan combined and tasted instant success at the WTT Contender Budapest on Friday. The Indian paddlers overcame World No 94 Hungarian pairing of Dora Madarasz and Nandor Ecseki 3-1 to win the mixed doubles title.

The duo came together for the first time since their Commonwealth Games bronze winning effort. And with only a day or two of practice, they managed to produce the goods. One of their most impressive wins came in the quarterfinals where they overcome World No 7 pair of Barbara Balazova and Lubomir Pistej from Slovakia.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

EXPRESS READ

Aditi starts steady with 1-under at British Open

CARNOUSTIE: Indian golfer Aditi Ashok opened the women's British Open with a steady one-under 71 to lie tied 22nd at the challenging Carnoustie Links here. Aditi, who had finished fourth at the Tokyo Olympics, scored four birdies and three of those birdies came in a fine stretch between 10th and 14th.

Nadal pulls out of US Open

MADRID: Rafael Nadal pulled out of the US Open on Friday and said he will not play tennis again this year because of a nagging foot injury. The Spaniard sat out both Wimbledon and the Olympics because of fatigue after losing to Novak Djokovic in the French Open semifinals. "I am very sorry to announce that I won't be able to keep playing tennis during the 2021 season," Nadal said in a video he posted on social media.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

M/s. Karthik Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd., have proposed to expand Molasses/ Grain based Distillery of capacity 65 KLPD to 180 KLPD along with electricity generation from 1.4 MW to 5.4 MW at Sy.No. 92 at Hoolageri Village, Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District, Karnataka.

As Per Environment Impact Assessment Notification dated: 14.09.2006 and Amendment dated: 01.12.2009, the project Proponent has to obtain prior Environmental Clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing process. As per the Terms of Reference letter No. J-11011/224/2008-IA II (I) dated: 22.01.2021 and request letter of the project proponent dated: 24.05.2021 (received at Board office on 11.06.2021), the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by KSPCB.

The details of the project are as follows:

1.	**Name of the Company & Address: M/s. Karthik Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd.** Hoolageri Village, Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District, Karnataka.
2.	**Location of the Proposed Project:** Sy.No. 92 in an area of 16.18 Ha. at Hoolageri Village, Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District, Karnataka.
3.	**Project proposed:** To expand Molasses/Grain based Distillery of capacity 65 KLPD to 180 KLPD along with electricity generation from 1.4 MW to 5.4 MW
4.	**Date, time and venue of public hearing: Date: 21.09.2021 (Tuesday) Time: 10:00 a.m. Place: Industry Premises at M/s. Karthik Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd.,** Hoolageri Village, Badami Taluk, Bagalkot District, Karnataka
5.	**Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District, Bagalkot. (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Bagalkot. (c) District Industries Centre, Bagalkot District. (d) Office of the Regional Officer, Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Bagalkot. (e) Gram Panchayath, Hoolageri Village. (f) Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change South Zone Office, E-3/240, Kendriya Sadan, 4th Floor, E&F Wings, 17th Main Road, 2nd Block, Koramangala, Bengaluru – 560 034. (g) **HELP DESK,** Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru – 560 001.

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification to make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot District)Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. **For details please visit our Website: www.kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

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registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Halasuru, Bangalore, the schedule property is in OMBR Layout, Bangalore, Site No. 2EM/354, PID No. 88-255-2EM-354 Finder please contact above mentioned address.

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This is to inform the General Public, Financial Institutions and Statutory Authorities that our clients **Mr. BARATH.A,** S/o Aswath.R and his wife **Mrs. GANAPRIYA.M,** both are R/at No.103, 14th Main Road, 1st Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru - 560097, jointly entered into an Agreement of Sale dated 12-08-2021 to purchase the Schedule Property described hereunder from **Mr. S. SRIDHARAN,** S/o R.Srinivasan, Aged about 65 years, Residing at Flat No.109, Saravana Esplanade, Railway Parcel Office Road, Behind Shell Petrol Pump, Tumkur Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru - 560022 for a valuable consideration.

Further, it is informed that the above said **Mr. S. SRIDHARAN** has purchased the schedule property under the registered Lease cum Sale Deed dated 22-03-1995 vide Document No.209/95-96 and Rectification Deed dated 24-03-1997 vide Document No.6062/1996-97 from N.T.I Housing Co-Operative Society Ltd., in respect of the schedule property.

Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right, claim, interest, charges on the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned counsel along with supporting documentary evidence within Ten (10) days from the date of this publication, and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on our clients, and our client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property by registering the Sale Deed as if there are no claimants / objections.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant **Site No.872**, BDA Katha No.BDA/R.O/N/872/16-17, in the Layout named as '**Rajeev Gandhi Nagar N.T.I. Layout, II Phase Block-I**', approved by the BDA, formed in several survey numbers in **Kodigehalli, Kothihosahalli and Byatarayanapura Villages** at Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring **East to West 18.28 Mtrs or 60 Feet** and **North to South 12.19 Mtrs or 40 Feet,** totally measuring **222.967 Sq.Mtrs or 2400 Sq.Ft.,** and bounded on

East by : Site No.877, West by : Road, North by : Site No.873, South by : Site No.871.

HARISHA.N.V.
JAGRUTI LAW ASSOCIATES,
ADVOCATE & SOLICITOR,
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DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITISATION & RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrower / Mortgagor is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needles to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Name and Address of the Borrower/s	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding	Description of the property/ Secured Asset
Loan Account No. X0HEBAN00001730082 Borrower & Co-Borrowers:- 1. Shobha Naik, No.113, 5th Cross, VHBCS Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, Bangalore North - 560040 **2. Akshara Industries** No.850, 1st Stage, Peenya LVK Garments Behind, Bangalore, Bangalore North - 560058. **3. Pavan Kumar Naik 4. Namratha N** Both are residing at No.113, 5th Cross, VHBCS Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore, Bangalore North - 560040 **5. Devisree Enterprises** Plot No.848, Laggere Road, Peenya, Bangalore, Bangalore North - 560058.	**Rs.80,00,000/-**	**19.07.2021 & Rs.72,39,252.52/- as on 16-07-2021 with further interest thereon**	All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No.113, formed in Sy.No.377/2, 377/3, 377/4, 377/5, 377/6, 376/1, 376/2, 376/3, 375/1, 375/2, 374/1, 359/1,359/2, Situated Marenahalli, Kempapura Agrahara, Kasba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Presently within limits of BBMP, and bounded on: East by 30 Feet Road, West by Site No.134, North by Site No.112, South by Site No.114, measuring East to West 45ft and North to South 30 Feet, totally measuring 1350 Sq.ft and building constructed thereon.
Loan Account No. X0HEBAN00001131335, X0HEBAN00002307332 & X0HEGAL00002902551 Borrower & Co-Borrowers:- 1. Srinivas S 2. Poornima S Both are residing at No.5/A, 1st Main, 4th Cross, 3rd Block Ankamma Nilaya, Ayappa Nagar, Bangalore - 560036 **3. M/S. Manasa Traders** No 50, Near Hindusthan Electricals Ayyappa Nagar, Main Road, K R Puram, Bangalore - 560036.	**Rs.25,00,000/-, Rs.35,00,000/- and Rs.40,00,000/- totaling to Rs.1,00,00,000/-**	**19.07.2021 & Rs.3,45,123.49/-, Rs.32,17,313.88/-, and Rs.41,97,508.64/- totaling to Rs.77,59,946.01/- as on 16-07-2021 with further interest thereon**	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.2, Khatha No. 170/25/16/2, situated at Basavanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Presently within limits of BBMP and bounded on: East by House Site No.3, West by House Site no.1, North by House Site No.18, South by Road, Measuring: East to West 30ft and North to South: 30ft along with building constructed thereon.
Loan Account No. X0HEBAN00002349975 Borrower & Co-Borrowers:- 1. Nagaraju K M 2. Sowmya G Both are residing at #46, Kenchanapura, Kenchanapura Sulikere, Bangalore South - 560060 **3. M/S. Back In Star Apparels** No.212, 13th Crs, Near Om Shakthi Temple Vishwaneedam P, Sanjeevini Nagar, Bangalore North - 560091	**Rs.27,00,000/-**	**19.07.2021 & Rs.27,39,274.16/- as on 16-07-2021 with further interest thereon**	All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.33 Khatha No.145/7, Baba Sahebara Palya Grama, Kengeri Sub-Divisioil, Kengeri Hobi, Bangalore South taluk, Bangalore. Presently under the limits of BBMP and bounded on East by Road, West by Site No.34, North by Road, South by Site No.32. Measuring East to West : 30 feet and North to South : 40 feet, totally measuring to an extent of 1200 Sq.ft.,
Loan Account No. X0HEBMN00002036865 & X0HERAK00003010236 Borrower & Co-Borrowers:- 1. Habieb S, 2. Shabeen Taj H Both are residing at No 15 G3, SV Flora Apartment, 3rd Cross Manipal County Road, Singasandr, Bangalore South - 560068 **3. M/s. Shaz Cotton Creation** No.935, 16th Main Road, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore South - 560076.	**Rs.43,84,412/- and Rs.10,00,000/- totaling to Rs.53,84,412/-**	**19.07.2021 & Rs.42,05,676.65/- and Rs.10,86,650.49 totaling to Rs.52,92,327.14/- as on 16-07-2021 with further interest thereon**	All that piece and parcel of Corporation No.9, new No.169/2, situated at III Cross Road, Madivala 35 Division Bangalore Bangalore -29, and bounded on: East by Rahim Baigs Garden, West by Corporation Drinage, North by Site Selling and reg in favour of Hyder Khan, South by III Cross Main Road. Measuring East to West 15feet and North to South 40feet, in all measuring 600Sq ft.

Date : 21-08-2021
Place: Bangalore

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Due Date: 13/09/2021

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PUBLIC NOTICE

State Bank of India, RACPC, No.12, 7th Main Road, Subbannaiah Palya, Banaswadi, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560043, do hereby notify that, Sri. Naseerullah Khan had taken housing loan by deposit of title deeds on property Site No.3M-407, the details of the vide Loan A/c No.6433221593 and same has been closed on 20/10/2020.

While handing over the documents soon after closure of loan amount, bank has noticed that, The Sale Deed dated 23.09.2004 executed by BDA in favour of Sri. Naseerullah Khan vide document No.7497/2004-05 registered in the office of Additional District Registrar, BDA, Bangalore is either lost or misplaced .

The Branch has reported the same to police by a complaint dated 07.08.2021 through e-lost report Criminal Branch Bengaluru.

In view of the above, it is hereby called upon to the general public that, if anybody comes across with the said original document, the same may be returned to the undersigned and also the General Public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my client will not be held responsible in any manner for any such transactions. Further, If any transaction done by any will not be binding on bank and the borrowers.

Persons who has knowledge or found or in custody of the above documents may report the same to branch Manager contact No.9481261521 or having any right in the schedule property may lodge their written claim/s with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence WITHIN TEN DAYS from the date of this publication and claims received thereafter will not be binding on the bank or on the owner of the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that Piece and Parcel of the Site No.3-M-407 in the East of NGEF in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority , measuring East to West 24.40 meters and North to South 15.25 meters, in all measuring 372.10 square meters and bounded on:

East by : 3rd Main Road, West by : Site No.2 EM-410 & 2 EM 412, North by : Site No. 3M-409, South by : Site No. 3M-405.

CHIEF MANAGER
(BANASAWADI RACPC SBI)

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COMMERCIAL COURT AT BANGALORE
COM O.S. No.216/2019 (CCH-90)

BETWEEN: M/s Radiance Reality Developers India Limited, A Company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at Khivraj Complex-II, 480 Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600035. And also having office at Empire Infantry, Ground Floor, No.29, Infantry Road, Bengaluru-560001. Represented by its authorised signatory ...Plaintiff

And : Mrs. Latha Varadaraj Ramaiah ...Defendant

NOTICE/SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT

TO, Proposed Defendant No.2:
Mrs. Kavitha Kiran. D, Aged about 45 years, W/o Late Mr. Varadaraj Ramaiah, R/at No.22/2, 18th Cross, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078.

Proposed Defendant No.3:
Master Aryaman Ramaiah, R/at No.22/2, 18th Cross, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078. Represented by his mother Mrs. Kavitha Kiran .D

Proposed Defendant No.4:
M/s Abhigna Constructions, A Partnership firm registered under Partnership Act, 1936 Represented by its Partners Mr. Bhaskar Reddy and Mrs. Jhansi Rani, Having principal place of business at Flat No.19/27, Sy No.19/27, 7th Cross, Green Domain Layout, Kundalahalli Mahadevapura, Bangalore-560037.

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for an order directing the Defendant No.2, No.3, No.4 to pay the principal amount of Rs.50,80,000/- (Rupees Fifty lakh Eighty Thousand Only) along with the interest of 18% per annum form 15.09.2017 being the date of last payment till 30.06.2019 amounting to Rs.16,38,404/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Four only) being the outstanding to the Plaintiff with other consequently reliefs. Further the Plaintiff has filed and interlocutory Application under Order 39 Rule 1(b) and Rule 2 R/w Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 seeking for an ad interim exparte order of temporary injunction restraining the Defendants, their men, agents or anyone acting for and on behalf of the Defendant from constructing or creating any structure on the suit schedule property in any manner or of any kind and an Interlocutory Application under Order 39 Rule 1(b) and Rule 2 R/w Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 seeking for an ad interim exparte order of temporary injunction restraining the Defendants from alienating, encumbering the suit schedule property. The Hon'ble Court was pleased to grant an exparte temporary injunction restraining the Defendants from alienating the schedule property on 05.08.2019 and has issued suit summons and notice of IA No. 1 and 2.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on 08.09.2021 at 11.A.M. in person or through an advocate/pleader to anser the questions to the same, failing which the suit will be heard and determined as ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court, this 18/08/2021.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land comprised in Sy No.35/1, Sy No.35/2, Sy No.35/3, Sy No.35/4, Sy No.35/5, Sy No.35/6, Sy No.35/8, Sy No.22/2 and Sy No.34/1, all situated at Sarakki Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South, measuring total 2 Acres and 12 Guntas located at JP Nagar, 6th Phase, Bengaluru-560078, bounded on:

East by : Private Properties 17th B Cross Road and 18th Cross Road, **West by :** 35th Main Road **North by :** Private Properties and 33rd A Main Road, **South by :** Private Properties.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT, Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bangalore.

NISCHAL DEV B.R.
A.K. Law Chambers
No.4/14, Second Floor, Crescent Road, High Grounds, Bengaluru-560001.

China's sweeping data law omits state surveillance

Some of world's strictest controls on tech sector's handling of user data get Beijing's approval, though state apparatus retains access

TECHNOLOGY

BEIJING: China is tightening control over information gathered by companies about the public under a law approved Friday by its ceremonial legislature, expanding the ruling Communist Party's crackdown on internet industries.

The law would impose some of the world's strictest controls on private sector handling of information about individuals but appears not to affect the ruling party's pervasive surveillance or access to those corporate data.

Its passage follows anti-monopoly and other enforcement actions against companies including e-commerce giant Alibaba and games and social media operator Tencent that caused their share prices to plunge.

The law, which takes effect Nov. 1, follows complaints that companies misused or sold customers' data without their knowledge or permission, leading to fraud or unfair practices such as charging higher prices to some users.

Taming Big Tech

The law curbs what information companies can gather and sets standards for how it must be stored. The full text wasn't immediately released, but earlier drafts would require customer permission to sell data to another company.

Alibaba shares lost 2.6% in Hong Kong after news of the law's passage. Tencent sank after the announcement but ended up 1%. Pinduoduo, an online grocer, was down 1.2% in pre-market trading on the U.S.-based Nasdaq.

China's new privacy regime is one of the toughest in the world. China is not really looking at the short term with this law. [It aims] to establish the foundations for the digital economy over the next 40 or 50 years

Kendra Schaefer, a partner at Beijing-based consulting firm Trivium China

The law is similar to Europe's General Data Protection Regulation, or GDPR, which limits collection and handling of customer data. But unlike laws in Western countries, earlier drafts of the Chinese legislation say nothing about limiting ruling party or government access to personal information.

The ruling party has been accused of using data gathered about Uyghurs and other members of predominantly Muslim ethnic groups in the northwestern region of Xinjiang to carry out a widespread campaign of repression.

Chinese authorities are "concerned at the volume of data big tech has in respect of the population and the power they can provide," said Paul Haswell of law firm Pinsent Masons. He called the measure China's version of the GDPR.

Most organizations, however, should be prepared after Chinese authorities imposed other restrictions on data oversight, Haswell said.

In April, Alibaba was fined a record $2.8 billion for anticompetitive practices.

This month, the government said online education companies are no longer allowed to receive foreign investment or operate as for-profit businesses.

Price versus privacy

Tens of thousands of consumers have complained about having to pay more for hailing a taxi using an iPhone than a cheaper mobile phone model or for tickets if they are profiled as a business traveller, China's consumer protection watchdog said.

The law aims to protect those who "feel strongly about personal data being used for user profiling and by recommendation algorithms or the use of big data in setting [unfair] prices," a spokesman for the National People's Congress told state news agency Xinhua earlier this week.

Fines up to $7.6 million

Companies that fail to comply with the law can face fines of up to 50 million yuan or 5% of annual sales. The law says sensitive personal data includes information which if leaked can lead to "discrimination... or seriously threaten the safety of individuals" including race, ethnicity, religion, biometric data or a person's whereabouts. But Chinese cities are peppered with surveillance cameras, some outfitted for facial recognition, collecting biometric data daily. In the region of Xinjiang, residents are forced to install software on phones that allow police to access their location, photos or texts.

EXFILE • AGRICULTURE

Protecting world's pollinators crucial to maintaining diversity of our diet

Pollinators are silent functionaries of the ecosystem that perform an invaluable service on which 75% of our crops depend on. Yet, they are threatened and experts predict that perhaps they are the bellwether of mass extinction. Do all the crops rely equally on pollinators to carry pollen? Would the world's food production come to a halt in their absence? Let's take a look

THREATS TO POLLINATORS: HABITAT LOSS | CLIMATE CHANGE | PESTICIDES & FERTILISERS | INVASIVE SPECIES | DISEASES

POLLINATORS

When we think of pollinators we immediately imagine honey bees. However, wasps, beetles, flies, ants, butterflies and bats are other pollinators. There are also some unusual animal pollinators like black-and-white ruffed lemur in Madagascar, lizards and geckos

ARE ALL CROPS EQUALLY DEPENDENT ON POLLINATORS?

No. Most of the staple crops like rice, wheat and maize, roots and tubers like potatoes, carrots, and fruits like banana are not dependent at all

NO POLLINATORS – NO CHOCOLATE

Only a few crops like brazil nuts and cocoa beans are almost completely dependent on them. This means a world without pollinators is a world without chocolate

DISPROPORTIONAL IMPACT OF POLLINATOR LOSS IN POOR NATIONS

In Africa, Asia-Pacific — poorer regions that rely on wild-grown foods — the impact of a decline in pollinators poses a serious risk to their food supply. In China and India, which are increasingly reliant on fruits and vegetables that need pollinators, such losses force agriculturists to sometimes perform manual pollination

Pollinator dependent crops vs production quantity

Even though 75% of the crops we grow rely on pollinators (to varying extent) only a third of this production depends on pollinators. That is, we grow very different quantities of the crops we consume. For example, the quantity of production of rice, which is a pollinator independent crop, far exceeds that of, say, apple

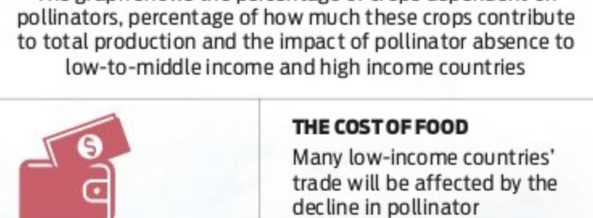
Number of crops that are partially dependent
75%
Crops production that is partially dependent
35%
Decline in crop production, without pollinators (Measured in tonnes)
8% in low-to-middle income countries
5% in countries with high income levels

CHART EXPLAINER

The graph shows the percentage of crops dependent on pollinators, percentage of how much these crops contribute to total production and the impact of pollinator absence to low-to-middle income and high income countries

Diet diversification

As the world progresses, our diets diversity and our reliance on pollinator dependent crops like fruits, vegetables, nuts and other nutrient-rich foods increase

THE COST OF FOOD

Many low-income countries' trade will be affected by the decline in pollinator populations. For example, insect-pollinated crops such as cashew, soybean and coffee are essential Latin American exports

$600 BILLION

Value of pollinator-dependent food production, which saw a three-fold rise over the last 50 years

A DELICATE BALANCE

Achieving high crop yields needs more land, pesticides and insecticides. However, these threaten the pollinators. Hence, we need to tread a fine line and find agricultural practices that maximise yields and preserve pollinator biodiversity simultaneously

These small creatures play central roles in the world's ecosystems, including many that humans and other animals rely on for nutrition

Lynn Dicks, a professor in Cambridge's Department of Zoology

NO DEPENDENCY 0%	LITTLE DEPENDENCY 0-10%	MODEST DEPENDENCY 10-40%	HIGH DEPENDENCY 40-90%	ESSENTIAL DEPENDENCY >90%
Cereals: Rice, wheat and maize **Roots tubers:** Potatoes, carrots and cassava **Legumes:** Fruits and vegetables like banana and lettuce **Sugar crops:** Sugar cane and sugar beet	**Fruits and vegetables** like oranges and lemon **Oil crops** like palm and linseed **Legumes** like beans and pigeon peas Groundnuts	Oilcrops like sunflower and rapeseed Fruits like strawberries and gooseberries Coconut and okra Coffee beans	Fruits like apple and apricot Nuts like almond and cashew Avocados	Fruits like kiwi & watermelons, cocoa beans, Brazil nuts

DEPENDENCY/YIELD REDUCTION

Explainer: The table shows the dependency of various crops to pollinators and their yield reduction in percentage (given in red)

Source: Marcelo Aizen et al. (2019) and Alexandra-Maria Klein et al. (2006); Our World in Data

Tesla adds humanoid robots to its portfolio

TECHNOLOGY

SAN FRANCISCO: After dominating the electric vehicle market and throwing his hat into the billionaire space race, Tesla boss Elon Musk announced the latest frontier he's aiming to conquer: humanoid robots.

The entrepreneur said that he would have an initial prototype of an androgynous "Tesla Bot" by next year. Based on the same technology as the company's semi-autonomous vehicles, the robot will be able to perform basic repetitive tasks with the aim of eliminating the need for people to handle dangerous or boring work, Musk said at an online event.

"Tesla is arguably the world's biggest robotics company because cars are semi-sentient robots on wheels," he said. "It kind of makes sense to put that into a humanoid form."

Tesla's touting of its automation technology comes as the carmaker faces increased scrutiny over its driver-assistance system, with safety regulators in the US launching a probe after a series of crashes. The Autopilot controversy was not discussed at Thursday's two and a half hour online conference, or brought up during questions from the audience. Instead, Musk pledged that his future robot would be a benign presence. He said the Tesla Bot, which will have five-fingered hands and come in black and white, is intended to be "friendly" and built such that "you can run away from it and most likely overpower it."

Tesla Bot will do basic repetitive tasks

Musk told that he believes robots will phase out physical labor. "I think essentially in the future physical work will be a choice," he said.

In the past, Musk has clashed with regulators over everything from his use of social media to discuss Tesla's operations to coronavirus protocols affecting his factories.

The company has had a rocky record with its human workforce, including allegations of unfair labour practices.

AstraZeneca hails results for Covid-19 drug

MEDICINE

DRUG firm AstraZeneca on Friday announced positive results from a trial of a treatment for Covid-19 symptoms.

The drug, made from a combination of two antibodies, was initially developed as a treatment for those who had already been exposed to the disease. A new trial of 5,197 participants who had not been exposed showed a 77-percent reduced risk of developing symptomatic disease, with no severe cases recorded, Astra said in a statement.

A previous trial of the AZD7442 drug had shown it only reduced the risk of developing symptoms by 33 percent, which it concluded in June was not statistically significant.

The data show that one dose could "quickly and effectively prevent symptomatic Covid-19", said Myron Levin, principal trial investigator.

AZD7442 could help people who may need more than a vaccine, Levin said.

ENSCONCED

Four-month-old Siberian tiger cubs cuddle with their mother Dasha in a German zoo in Duisburg | AP

FACT OF THE MATTER

Japan's own Mars mission

SPACE

Japan's space agency JAXA plans to bring soil samples from the Mars region ahead of the U.S. and Chinese missions now operating on Mars, in hopes of finding clues to the planet's origin and traces of possible life. JAXA plans to launch an explorer in 2024 to land on the Martian moon Phobos to collect 10 grams of soil and bring it to Earth in 2029. The rapid return trip would put Japan ahead of the US and China, project manager Yasuhiro Kawakatsu said in an online news conference. NASA's Perseverance rover is operating in a Mars crater where it is to collect 31 samples that are to be returned to Earth with help from the ESA as early as 2031. China landed a spacecraft on Mars in May and plans to bring samples around 2030.

Hawaii scope to open soon

SPACE

The project director of a new solar telescope in Hawaii that will be the most powerful of its kind hopes scientists will be able to start observations at the facility in three months. The Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope was supposed to open last fall but Covid-19 restrictions set back its construction. The telescope has received about 100 proposals from researchers for an initial observing window of 2.5 months. Picking which scientists get to go first depends heavily on atmospheric conditions and what objects are visible on a given day. One quarter or even a fifth of the proposals may be approved for the first cycle. It is to be the largest and most powerful of its kind in the world.

GOING GAGA

Some baby bats babble like human infants, scientists find

NATURE

HUMAN babies are not the only babblers, said a study published Thursday, some bats are also very talkative in their infancy and even make sounds that recall the googoo-gagas of our own tots.

Babbling in human children is key to developing the careful control over the vocal apparatus necessary for speech. The study published in the journal *Science* indicates the same is true for the greater sac-winged bat, native to Central America.

"Human infants seem to babble on the one hand to interact with their caregivers, but they also do that when they're completely alone, seemingly happily just exploring their voice, and that's the same what our bats are doing," study co-author Mirjam Knornschild, behavioral ecologist at the Museum of Natural History in Berlin, told the news agency AFP.

Bats communicate by ultrasound, sound waves at frequencies above human hearing, but they can also make sounds audible to people.

The bat don't hide away in gloomy caves, but prefer to live in trees, making them easier to observe.

The babbling of 20 baby bats was recorded in Costa Rica and Panama between 2015 and 2016 by researcher Ahana Fernandez, also affiliated with the Museum of Natural History in Berlin, who spent hours with the bats in the forest.

Each syllable has a very specific shape, so to say, and they are easy to distinguish by eye

Mirjam Knornschild, behavioral ecologist at the Museum of Natural History in Berlin

Up to 43 minutes

The mammals, like us, have a larynx, and start babbling about three weeks after birth, for about 7 to 10 weeks - until they are weaned.

During this period, the bats spend around 30 per cent of their days babbling, with sessions lasting on an average of about seven minutes, the researchers calculated.

But one bat babbled for a full 43 minutes, a long stretch considering adult communication generally lasts only but a few seconds.

The vocalizations were converted into images. "Each syllable has a very specific shape, so to say, and they are easy to distinguish by eye," Knornschild added.

The researchers analysed more than 55,000 produced syllables, finding universal characteristics of babbling in human infants in the greater sac-winged bats, such as repetition, lack of meaning, but also that the sounds followed a certain rhythm.

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DAY'S DIARY

Wildlife Act

The Wildlife Protection Act 1972 is an Act of the Indian Parliament that was passed on this day, but implemented on September 9, 1972

THE ACT

This Act prohibits the capturing, killing, poisoning or trapping of wild animals. It extends to the whole of India except the state of Jammu and Kashmir

OBJECTIVES

Prior to this legislation, India had only five designated national parks. Among others, the Act strictly prohibited hunting or harvesting these species

WILDLIFE IN INDIA

India is home to 7% of the world's wildlife—including 461 endangered plants and animals, of which 133 are listed as 'critically endangered' in the IUCN's Red list 2012

Lohith and Shivarajkumar team up

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SIBLING REVELRY

He's the life of a party and she's the protective older sister. Together, Kubbra and Danish Sait are a riot. Ahead of Rakshabandhan, the brother-sister duo tells *CE* about the glue that binds this tight bond

ANILA KURIAN

THEY'VE barely lived together, with school, work and life taking them to different places. But every evening, actors Kubbra (38) and Danish Sait (33), make it a point to call each other. It's a friendly banter where they discuss the days goings-on. It's sort of a ritual that started during their growing years, when Danish moved to boarding school at the age of 12, while Kubbra prepared for her board exams right here in the city. "I would write letters to family every weekend. I believe everyone used to sit around the dining table, reading my letter. It was mostly stories about how school and studies were going – almost like writing a personal diary," says Danish, while Kubbra is quick to add that she used to eagerly waited for those weekly letter from her "little brother."

They don't meet as often as would like to, with films, including Kubbra's latest TV show *Foundation* keeping her schedule tight, and Danish preparing to head to the UAE for the IPL. But it's riot when the tight-knit siblings do come together. Just like in June when Danish tied the knot to Anya Rangaswami. "It was such a great reunion, and felt so good to be with near and dear ones," says Kubbra, who now lives in Mumbai.

Brought up by a single mother, Kubbra and Danish grew up taking care of each other. "*Didi* was almost like a parent to me. She's very protective to this day. Growing up, she made sure I ate, slept and studied on time," says Danish. Looking back at their childhood, Danish recalls how his sister would go to any length to ensure he reached school on time. "I was always late, and *didi* would take me on the bike and we would follow someone who was faster than us so we could reach on time. We still joke about it," he says.

As for Kubbra, she recalls how Danish used to change the pronouns after listening to his sister talk. "I think he used to feel left out, so he would copy me and say '*Mein ja rahi hu*', '*Mein aa rahi hu*' and so on. He would always use the female pronoun," she says, with a laugh, as we wonder whether that was the beginning of his character creations.

As celebrities, Kubbra and Danish constantly deal with pressure, expectations and more. But when life throws curveballs, they know they can turn to each other. Danish says, "I wouldn't say she's always the go-to person for me, but I know that she's there. Even if it's something to do with work, she guides me to keep calm and tells me ways to make it easier. We expect that from each other."

Expectations are part of any relationship and this one is no different. "We communicate to make things easier. Sometimes we don't too. In the last few years, after seeing each other grow up, we've realised that we need to cherish this bond more," she says.

Behind their characters – Cuckoo or Ramamurthy *avre*, the two are like any other sibling duo. Kubbra sums it up, "Danish is always the fun one. And I'm always going to be more protective of him than he is of me. Maybe that's the big sister in me talking."

Kubbra and Danish Sait goofing around

The Sait siblings during their childhood

Danish and Kubbra share an emotional moment during his wedding in June

> *Even if it's something to do with work, didi [Kubbra] guides me to keep calm and tells me ways to make it easier. We sort of expect that from each other* Danish Sait, actor

GRUB HUB

Debolina Ray, a Bengaluru-based food & travel blogger who runs a blog called She Knows Grub, dishes out fun food-related trivia in this weekly series. So, answer these three questions and find out how much of a foodie you are

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'**

The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in CE on Monday.

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1. This snack is almost a Karnataka essential, very popular in every household in Bengaluru and Mysuru. It's made of rice flour and gram flour; it is also known as Thattai in Tamil Nadu. What is it called in Karnataka?
2. This small snack shop in Bengaluru has been dishing out Desi Burgers for over 20 years – yes, the spicy Bun Nippat Masala. They're the top best-seller. Now, it's bigger and has various outlets. Can you name the place and where the first outlet was?
3. This is a snack which is super popular among people who like savouries as well as those with a sweet tooth. It is also an integral part of festivals, especially Ugadi. A bread with usually a filling of dal and jaggery or coconut, and sometimes fruits too! What is this sweet snack called?

FESTIVE FEAST: TRY OUT SOME ONAM- SPECIAL RECIPES TODAY P3

WATCH LIST

GODZILLA VS KONG (ENGLISH)

King Kong is transported out of his containment zone after Godzilla resurfaces and creates mayhem. Humans need his help to reach Hollow Earth and find a wayto subdue the king of the monsters.

Cast: Millie Bobby, Rebecca Hall, Alexander Skarsgard

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

MODERN LOVE (ENGLISH)

A co-production of Amazon Studios and the *New York Times*, this anthology series explores love in all of its complicated and beautiful forms, as well as its effects on the human connection. Each episode brings to life a different story that has been inspired by the newspaper's popular Modern Love column. The romantic comedy series features a star-studded cast that includes notable actors as Jane Alexander, Emmy winner Tina Fey, Andy Garcia, Oscar winner Anne Hathaway,and John Slattery.

Cast: Anne Hathaway, Dev Patel, Tina Frey

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

JUDAS AND THE BLACK MESSIAH (ENGLISH)

Offered a plea deal by the FBI, William O'Neal infiltrates the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party to gather intelligence on Chairman Fred Hampton.

Cast: Daniel Kaluuya, Lakeith Stanfield, Jesse Plemons

Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

CITY READ

Visveswaraya Co-op bank gets new president

Dr Rekha Lakshman is the new president of Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-operative Bank and BS Sripathi Rao is the newly elected vice-president of the bank. The new chiefs were elected unanimously during the elections held on August 11.

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank opens its first branch in Karnataka

Utkarsh Small Finance Bank Limited inaugurated its first branch in Bengaluru. The residents of JP Nagar can now avail the facilities provided by the bank. Srini Nagarajan, managing director and head of Asia, CDC Plc, said, "CDC has been a long term investor in Utkarsh Small Finance Bank nearly since its inception. Their commitment towards financial inclusion and supporting many micro-entrepreneurs in low-income states is commendable."

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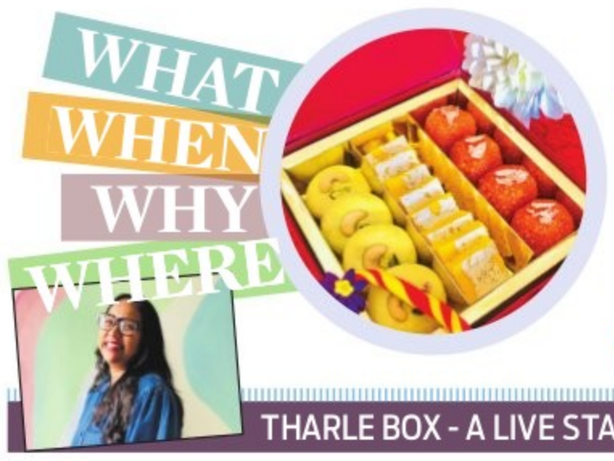

BRUNCH AFFAIR

Courtyard by Marriot Bengaluru brings a brunch affair this Rakshabanbandhan where the menu includes Awadhu Murgh Biryani Kung Pao Chicken, delicious chocolates, traditional sweets, and to encourage sustainable practices, the chefs have incredible sets of edible rakhis.
When: Aug 22
Details: 9880496355

MONSOON STREET TRAIL

Grand Mercure Bengaluru at Gopalan Mall has curated a special brunch box reminiscing monsoon delicacies from all across the country. The Monsoon Street trail is the first edition of the hotel's 'Streats' series focusing on bringing the much-missed street food flavours to the palates.
When: Aug 31
Details: 7012336355

Classical Music

The International Arts and Cultural Foundation is organising its 10th edition of classical music concert to mark World Sanskrit Day. The programme will feature lead vocalist Manasi Prasad, percussionist Deepika Sreenivasan, and violinist Aditi Krishnaprasad among others. Entry is free. **When:** Aug 22
Where: Sevasadan Auditorium, Malleswaram

FESTIVE TREATS

Foodhall presents its individually portioned cheese grazer for gifting your siblings this Rakshabandhan with its Xoco57 chocolates priced on request and customisation, Fromagerie - Charcuterie at ₹5000++, Cheese Meets at ₹ 2,600++, and Cheese Connoisseur- ₹ 5000++.
When: On-going
Details: 9930798631

THARLE BOX - A LIVE STAND UP COMEDY SHOW PRESENTS SONU VENUGOPAL AT POPS OF PASTEL WHEN: AUG 21 DETAILS: BOOKMYSHOW.COM

Onam Spread

Experience the lush green paddy fields, swaying coconut palms, banana plantation, mangoes and so much more at The Hebbal Cafe, the all-day dining restaurant at Courtyard By Marriott Bengaluru Hebbal this Saturday. The Hebbal Cafe offers an exclusive Onam Brunch welcoming guests to enjoy a gastronomic journey inspired by the flavours of Kerala.
When: Aug 21 **Details:** 9606482968

Twin with your sibling

Rakshabandhan is around the corner and make it a memorable one as the festival comes along with sibling goals. There are various twinning looks for you! From Pink City, Sana Barreja to Ridhi Mehra's, there's plenty to choose from.
When: Aug 21
Details: 9819233610

Art Exhibition

Budding artist Manju Lata's solo contemporary art exhibition exhibits art with deep meaning about nature, motherhood and natural phenomenon. This event is organised under the guidance of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath.
When: Aug 23-29 **Details:** 10times.com

Lavish Spread

Share your sibling's and your love for food by ordering varied cuisine-based brands directly from Impresario Handmade Restaurants'. Be it a royal Awadhi feast, Asian delicacies, luscious Burger, or comfort food, Impresario will cover it all.
When: Aug 22 **Details:** 7507134555

Gifting Choices

This Rakshabandhan, show your sibling how much you love them for all that they are, by gifting them the Finero Next or the Lattisso One-Touch Capsule Coffee Machine from Coffeeza, which are perfect gifts for coffee fanatics. These new-age, smart coffee machines make brewing café-like coffee absolutely effortless. Get yourself or your sibling one at www.coffeeza.com
When: Aug 22
Details: 7045153805

Images Workshop

The Iconic Images event, hosted by the Indian Art and Design Educators Association, is an online interactive workshop designed to investigate and question why we react to images in a certain way.
When: Aug 24 **Details:** townscript.com

Wellness Fair

Virtual Global Psychic, Holistic Health and Wellness Fair is an online nine-hour event, where 15 speakers who are healers, psychics, authors and musicians, come together to help you replenish and recharge.
When: Aug 28- 29 **Details:** allevents.in

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

MORINGA LEAVES DAL FRY

INGREDIENTS

- **Tender moringa leaves:** 1 bunch ■ **Toor dal:** 100 g ■ **Red chilli:** 6
- **Mustard seeds:** 1 tsp ■ **Asafoetida:** 1/4 tsp ■ Salt & oil

METHOD

- Soak toor dal in water for an hour. Chop the leaves. Drain out water from the soaked dal.
- Blend chillies, salt, asafoetida and dal without adding water coarsely in a mixer. Mix the chopped leaves with the blended dal well and steam cook.
- Once cooked allow it to cool.
- Heat oil in a pan. Add mustard seeds then the dal one after the other and saute well for five minutes. Bring down from fire and dish is ready to serve.

— Akila Thiyagarajan, Bengaluru

SOUND BOARD

THE INTERNET SAID SO

This is a podcast by Varun Thakur where Aadar, Neville, Kautuk and Varun talk about random, fun, stupid, pointless, weird, shocking "facts" that they find on the Internet.

- On Spotify

22 YARNS WITH GAURAV

This podcast, hosted by Gaurav Kapoor, is for cricket lovers from all over the world where the host alongside a wide variety of cricket journalists, analysts, players and veteran cricket players, dig into cricket's most beautiful stories and anecdotes from both on and off-field.

- On Spotify

BTS IN INDIA

BTS in India is a podcast by Creators Journal that takes a look at the rise of BTS in India through the lens of the fans. It's the story of the fans AKA the BTS ARMY who are making BTS one of the top streaming artists in India.

- On Spotify

THE HABIT COACH

This podcast by Doctor Ashdin, takes you through the creation of simple easy to do habits that we all can incorporate into our lives. Some of them include habits around health, sleep, de-stressing, productivity, movement, nutrition and relationships.

- On Google Podcast

DAILY MEDITATION PODCAST

This podcast by Mary Meckley is a library of meditation at your fingertips. This guided meditation aims at helping you to be happy, healthy, peaceful and to sleep better.

- On Google Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

ADHYAKSHA

Chandru and Aishwarya, two classmates, assist each other during difficult times in their lives. However, trouble begins when they end up falling in love with each other.

- Cast: Sharan, Chikkanna

TARAK

Tarak moves to India after his parents' deaths and soon falls in love with Meera, a kind and selfless woman. However, their relationship soon hits a rough patch.

- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Devaraj

GOOGLY

Sharath and Swathi meet in Bangalore and fall in love but due to misunderstandings, they drift apart. However, a few years later, destiny brings them face to face at a friend's wedding.

- Cast: Yash, Kirti Kharbanda

KIRATHAKA

Nandisha, a gambler and drinker, falls in love with Nethra, who belongs to a rival village. He then decides to elope with her but has to deal with the rivalry between their communities.

- Cast: Yash, Oviya

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 WHAT IF MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS RESPONDED TO EMERGENCY CALLS?

BY LESLIE HEROD

When you report an emergency in the US, police, firefighters or paramedics answer the call. What if mental health professionals responded, too? Colorado State Representative Leslie Herod shares a straightforward and research-backed approach.

2 THE RADICAL, REVOLUTIONARY RESILIENCE OF BLACK JOY

BY MIRACLE JONES

In the face of trauma, happiness is resilience: a revolutionary act of thriving despite all odds, rather than wilting or surrendering. Community organiser and activist Miracle Jones offers a heart-to-heart meditation on the role of joy as a form of radical resistance, survival and protection for Black folks in the US and across the world.

3 LETTING GO OF GOD

BY JULIA SWEENEY

When two young Mormon missionaries knock on Julia Sweeney's door one day, it touches off a quest to completely rethink her own beliefs, in this excerpt from Sweeney's solo show 'Letting Go of God'.

4 LESS STUFF, MORE HAPPINESS

BY GRAHAM HILL

Writer and designer Graham Hill asks: Can having less stuff, in less room, lead to more happiness? He makes the case for taking up less space, and lays out three rules for editing your life.

5 CAN ART AMEND HISTORY?

BY TITUS KAPHAR

Artist Titus Kaphar makes paintings and sculptures that wrestle with the struggles of the past while speaking to the diversity and advances of the present. Kaphar takes a brush full of white paint to a replica of a 17th-century Frans Hals painting, obscuring parts of the composition and bringing its hidden story into view.

FIT BIT

MAKSIKANAGASANA

(DRAGONFLY POSE)

Maksikangasana is an advanced prone pose which is also an arm balance twists and contracts the psoas muscles supporting the hips and the pelvis to remain stable. Apart from the muscles engaged (either stretched or contracted), it gives a lot of importance to working on the hips despite the limited space for the hips to twist. It can be a close resemblance to the Baby Grasshopper Pose because of the position of the torso and the legs. But it requires more strength and power to hold the position of the hips in a twist, with the active use of the groin and pelvic floor muscles.

STEPS

- Start in Mountain Pose (Tadasana).
- Shift your weight onto your right leg and bring your left ankle to cross your right thigh above the knee. Keep your chin parallel to the ground and you will enter into the flying crow pose.
- Come into a forward bend and put your palms on the floor.
- Keep your right leg bent and twist your body to your right without twisting your head, arms, and legs. Move your hands to bring them in front of your right foot.
- Bend your elbows down to get into the position of Chaturanga.
- Your upper arms have to be parallel to the floor. Bring your left foot on to the imagery shelf formed by your left upper arm. Try to place your left foot as high up as your arm. Put your weight over your both arms. Hold.
- Bring your right thigh to rest on the left upper arm. Bring your body weight into your arms as the right leg straightens out to the side off the ground.
- To come out of this pose, bend your right knee and bring the right foot to the floor. Try on the other side.

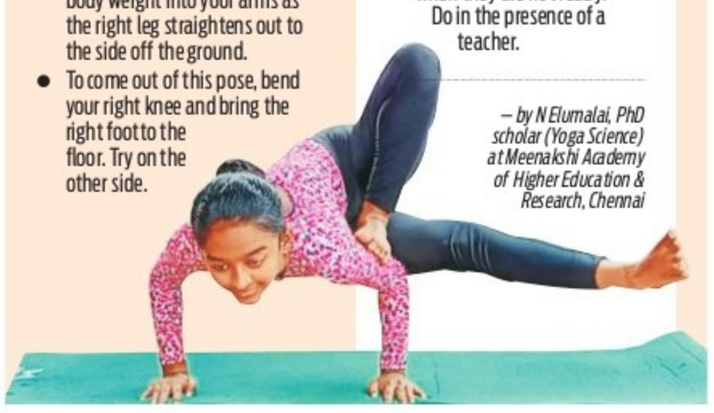
BENEFITS

- Helps to expand the chest, strengthens arms, shoulders and upper back.
- Twists and tones your inner abdominal muscles.
- Helps to create space in hips, pelvis and lumbar spine at the same time.
- Builds strength in the arms, chest, upper back as well as core muscles.
- Most practitioners believe the benefits of this pose are immense, but it is one of the most intricate poses in the entire yoga style.

LIMITATIONS

- Avoid the full posture if you have shoulder, wrist, low back or hip injuries.
- Warm up before you can get into the pose. Don't try to force your joints to bend when they are not ready. Do in the presence of a teacher.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai



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REGIONAL

8 THOTTAKAL (Tamil)

Sathya, an honest policeman, accidentally loses his service pistol while tailing a criminal. However, the thief who stole the pistol sells it to Murthy and goes on a killing spree.

Cast: Aparna Balamurali, MS Bhaskar, Nasser

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

MERSAL (Tamil)

Maaran, a doctor, is falsely arrested for the murder of his colleague, Dr Arjun Zachariah. He soon discovers that the real culprit is a look-alike who aims to expose corruption in the medical industry.

Cast: Vijay, Nitya Menen, Samantha Akkineni

- Watch on: Netflix

MUNGARU MALE (Kannada)

Preetham loves Nandhini but gets heartbroken when he comes to know that her marriage is already fixed. Things change when she challenges him to win her heart.

Cast: Ganesh, Pooja Gandhi, Ananth Nag

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BAAGHI 3 (Hindi)

Ronnie, a young man, shares a deep bond with Vikram, his elder brother and a policeman. When Vikram gets kidnapped in Syria while on a mission, Ronnie sets out to rescue him.

Cast: Shraddha Kapoor, Tiger Shroff, Disha Patani

- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

K.G.F (Kannada)

Rocky, a young man, seeks power and wealth in order to fulfil a promise to his dying mother. His quest takes him to Mumbai, where he gets involved with the notorious gold mafia.

Cast: Yash, Srinidhi Shetty, Ramachandra Raju

- Watch on: Voot

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

ROOHI (Hindi)

Two bumbling pals are hired to kidnap a bride. They find themselves in trouble when one falls for their abductee and the other for the spirit possessing her.

Cast: Janhvi Kapoor, Rajkummar Rao, Varun Sharma

- Watch on: Jio Cinema

NAYATTU (Malayalam)

Three police officers become pawns for unscrupulous lawmakers when they are framed in an incident amid political elections and must flee to evade arrest.

Cast: Kunchacko Boban, Joju George, Nimisha Sajayan

- Watch on: Netflix

FOREIGN

TRAIN TO BUSAN (Korean)

Seok-woo and his daughter are on a train to Busan on the latter's birthday to see his wife. However, the journey turns into a nightmare when they are trapped amidst a zombie outbreak in South Korea.

Cast: Gong Yoo, Yeon Sang-ho and Ma Dong-seok

- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

MIRAGE (Spanish)

A space-time continuum glitch allows Vera to save a boy's life 25 years in the past but somehow results in the loss of her daughter.

Cast: Adriana Ugarte, Alvaro Morte and Chino Darin ● Watch on: Netflix

BARCELONA: A LOVE UNTOLD (English)

While earning a degree in Spain, a young architecture student dealing with grief meets a fellow expatriate trying to escape her past.

Cast: Kathryn Bernardo, Daniel Padilla and Joshua Garcia

- Watch on: Netflix

BABYSITTER (English)

When Cole stays up past his bedtime, he discovers that his hot babysitter belongs to a satanic cult that will stop at nothing to keep him quiet.

Cast: Samara Weaving, Jenna Ortega and Emily Alyn Lind

- Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION

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RUBINATIONS

Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

BE AWARE AND CARE

L-R: Sapna Tarneja, Vikas Seth, Susan Fernandes and Aloma Lobo

Good morning Bangalore,

I have always laughingly boasted about my strong constitution because of my mixed gene pool. My mother was half Pathan (from the borders of Afghanistan) with a generous dollop of French blood. Her grandfather (who was a warlord/chieftain) had a French wife. When I quizzed my mom on how he managed that, she laughed it off saying he probably kidnapped a good looking woman from a passing troupe of French people! Though we often laughed about it, I wondered if there was an element of truth behind it! She often regaled me with stories of her mom's side of the family, who were Pashtoon, proud warriors who flew done the hill-sides on their horses and launched lighting attacks on the British and other invaders. If history was to be believed, no one could tame the mighty Afghan people.

So for me it was heart-breaking sight to see the people of Afghanistan clinging to the under carriage of departing planes of countries that falsely promised them protection from a fanatical regime that they had put into place themselves. Ostensibly to fight against tyranny...ironically the worst type of tyrannical lies were forced on the largely subjugated populace with a puppet leader who would be a 'yes-man' to a powerful nation. He ran at the first sight of trouble (hmm! I wonder how he managed to arrange a plane for himself, with a little help from his friends perhaps?), dropping his excess cash on the runway! Where were the mighty Afghan warriors that my mother spoke of? Where were those sons of the soil, with their imposing height and colourful turbans that obliterated the sun as they rode on their horses causing a dust-storm? And who were these desperate men and women (clad in yards of cloth) with their wailing babies trying to clutch onto the wheels of the departing planes, and falling onto the ground in a desperate attempt to leave their own country behind? How sad...how very sad when unscrupulous powers play a deadly game where they first arm the zealots, then leave claiming that; 'honest to goodness we tried to civilize the uncivilized'.

How often must this game of politics be played? How often must we made fools of before we realise that no one gives a damn. We, the citizens of the world don't care. There is too much sorrow to care about things like climate change, refugees, famine and genocide. We are either protesting against the Cardi-V vaccines or pulling strings to get them out of turn. Afghanistan too will survive, like all the other exploited countries. How easily we believe the twisted narratives that our governments feed us.not because we believe but because it's more convenient. After a decent interval we change the topic.

I too changed the topic and made a lunch plan with 'my girls'. We hadn't set eyes on each other for ages and a lot has been going on in our respective lives. We landed up at the newly minted Hopshause, a brewery and restaurant that opened its doors in Indiranagar. I must say the four-hour eating, drinking and talking session was a relief from the tragedies that afflict our world. Vikas Seth understood our mood and sweetly arranged for music and with the crooner playing all the songs we knew and remembered...suddenly the mood turned ecstatic. I am so glad that most eateries and pubs are working within the government framework and are doing their utmost to maintain covid protocols. To eat scrumptious gourmet pub food, with excellent cocktails in an open well aired space is just what we need to break the covid-blues.

Till then be kind, be aware and care...that's the least we can do.

(The author's views are her own)

Spike in Spirit

Apart from the international gin brands, many homegrown companies are also making a foray into the market, leading to its popularity among the drinking crowd

JANIN KANNOTH

(The writer is resident mixologist & beverage manager, URU Brewpark)

GIN gets its name from the Dutch word *genever* which is juniper in English. It is juniper - the tree of twisted trunk and gnarled bough - that sets gin apart from all other types of liquor. Gin traces its origin to liquors produced back in the Middle Ages, with references to a spirit flavoured with "genever" referenced in a 13th century Flemish manuscript. By the 1600s, the Dutch were producing gin in earnest, with hundreds of distilleries in the city of Amsterdam alone.

Gin was originally produced as a medicine and was distributed by "chemists" for treating ailments such as gout and dyspepsia. Consumed in large quantities, it probably did help ameliorate perception of the symptoms associated with these issues and many others, such as "Coward's Fist" though only for a few hours at a time. Gin gained its popularity doing the Thirty Years' War, when British soldiers fighting on the Dutch land were bolstered with "Dutch Courage" by, you know, drinking gin.

Gin remained popular with the Brits, notable for its use by soldiers and colonials living in lands which were prone to malaria infections. Gin was excellent at masking the unpleasant, bitter flavour of the antimalarial alkaloid quinine, a necessity for the susceptible foreigners. This medical elixir was developed into Gin & Tonic (G&T) we know, and love to this day.

Gin is essentially a day drink and a lot of whisky and rum drinkers prefer a G&T over other drinks during day time. With Covid restrictions, more and more people are drinking in the afternoon as everything is shut by early evening.

Apart from a lot of international gin brands making their foray into India, we have a lot more homegrown companies making gin and this too has led to its popularity among the drinking crowd.

In the modern era, gin has seen a resurgence in popularity as mixology has gone mainstream. One of the factors contributing to the popularity of this drink lies in its simplicity which lets mixologists experiment with various flavours and combinations to elevate the G&T. For instance, addition of lavender tonic water gives the cocktail a floral touch, elevating the drinker's sensory experience.

At our place, G&T is an integral part of the URU Gin Garden. Here, the guest can choose from a plethora of house tonics like Frangipani, Cherry Blossoms, Japanese Yuzu and pair it with their choice of gin, to create their own perfect G&T.

PINEAPPLE PRADHAMAN

-Soumya Gopi (@soumyagopi)

Ingredients:

- Finely chopped pineapple - 500 gm
- Jaggery - 350 gm
- Water - 1/4 cup
- Coconut milk (1st extract) - 1 cup
- Thin coconut milk(2nd extract) - 2 cups
- Sago - 1/4 cup (soak for 15 mins)
- Clarified butter/ Ghee - 4 tbsp
- Cardamon powder - 1/2 tsp
- Dry ginger powder - 1/4 tsp
- Cashew nuts, raisins, coconut bits - 1 tbsp each

Method:

In a heavy-bottomed pan, heat ghee and fry the nuts, raisins, and coconut bits till the colour changes to golden brown, and keep it aside.

In the same pan, add the chopped pineapple and fry till it turns slightly brown. Turn off the flame; after it cools down, take out 3/4th portion of fried pineapple and grind it to a fine paste.

Heat the pan, add the ground pineapple mix to the chunks and fry for a minute.

Boil the sago with the required amount of water. In a pan, add jaggery with 1/4 cup of water and bring it to a boil.

Strain the jaggery syrup and add it to the pineapple mix. Combine it well. Add boiled sago at this point.

When jaggery starts boiling, add the second extract of coconut milk. Cook for 5 minutes and add powdered cardamom and dry ginger powder.

Keep the flame on low and add the first extract and turn off the flame.

Garnish the pradhaman with fried nuts, raisins, and coconut pieces.

FESTIVE feast

The lavish spread for Onam sadhya is something many of us look forward to. Here are some recipes that you can try and add to your home-made sadhya menu this weekend

PULI INJI

Ingredients

- Tamarind - 1 lime-sized piece
- Ginger - 100 gm
- Green chilli - 7 nos
- Jaggery- 150 gm
- Roasted red rice - 50 gm
- Chilli powder - 1 tsp
- Turmeric - 1 pinch
- Fenugreek powder - 1 tsp

Method

Soak the tamarind in water and make a pulp, sieve it into a mud pot or kadai, mix chili powder and turmeric salt, and cook.

Fine chop the ginger and fry it nicely in coconut oil, cut the green chilies into round pieces and fry that up as well.

Add these to the cooked tamarind and continue to cook. Add the jaggery to this and boil.

Dry roast the raw red rice and let it cool. Powder it in a mixer grinder and add to the mixture and cook till you get the required consistency; it shouldn't.

be too watery. Garnish with spluttered mustard seeds, curry leaves and red chilies.

-Tresa Francis (@papadum_and_some_)

AVIAL

Ingredients:

- Carrot -1
- Green beans - 4
- Yam - ¼ cup
- Raw banana - ¼ cup
- Drumstick - 1
- Ash gourd - ¼ cup
- Turmeric - ½ tsp
- Freshly grated coconut - ½ cup
- Cumin seeds - ¼ tsp
- Yoghurt - 1 cup
- Green chilies - 2
- Salt
- A few sprigs of curry leaves
- Coconut oil - 3 tbsp

Method

Cut all the vegetables into 2-inch batons. Marinate the vegetables in turmeric, coconut oil, curry leaves and salt. Let this sit for 15 minutes.

Boil the vegetables with salt in medium flame. No need to add plenty of water. Close the pan with a lid and allow the vegetables to cook gently in the moisture released through steaming.

Coarsely blend coconut, cumin seeds and chili powder. Pour this paste into the vegetables and allow it to cook for some time. Stir intermittently.

Allow it to rest for a while, then add in the freshly beaten curd with some salt. Toss well to combine.

Drizzle some coconut oil and curry leaves over.

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NUGGETS

Biryani By Kilo opens doors in Bengaluru

Popular biryani and kebab chain, Biryani by Kilo, launched its outlets in Koramangala, Sarjapura and Akshay Nagar. The BBK Koramangala and Akshay Nagar latest dine-in launch marks their 52nd outlet in India and the first one in Bengalaru. Commenting on the launch, Kaushik Roy, co-founder Biryani By Kilo said, "We are thrilled to launch BBK's first dine-in outlet and many delivery outlets in Bengaluru. The city deserves to devour the best, and we are ready to serve them that." In addition to various types of biryanis, they also have Chicken Pepper Fry, Chettinad Chicken Roast , Guntur Chicken, and Nilgiri Mutton Roast. *For orders, logo onto biryanibykilo.com*

Try out a 10-course meal today

Culinary Stories by ITC Hotels is a platform that celebrates trailblazers and their innovations in the culinary landscape. Try out chef Prateek Sadhu's offerings this weekend as he preps his signature 10-course tasting menu, with local flavours and age-old practices. The double gold medallist from the Culinary Institute of America, has worked in some of the finest kitchens before returning to his roots in India. On August 21, at ITC Gardenia, Ashok Nagar. *For more information, call: 22119898*

Campaign to support local home chefs' community

All-day cafe and bar chain SOCIAL, has collaborated with home chef Kalyan Gopalakrishna to create an exclusive menu in Bengaluru. As part of its new IP, Local Heroes, SOCIAL is kickstarting a month-long showcase of Karnivore Kitchen led by home chef Kalyan Gopalakrishna in collaboration with in-house chef Saurabh Arora. Ranveer Sabhani, business head - South, Impresario Handmade Restaurants, says, "The pandemic has been particularly tough on the F&B industry. During these testing times, we are creating opportunities for meaningful collaborations that will help the industry benefit from each other. We will also be sharing a percentage of the proceeds from the collaborations with the chefs."

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Krishna Sarthak, Shivarajkumar and Lohith H

LOHITH H TO DIRECT SHIVARAJKUMAR IN SATYAMANGALA

The director of *Mummy Save Me* will be collaborating with producer Krishna Sarthak

CE FEATURES

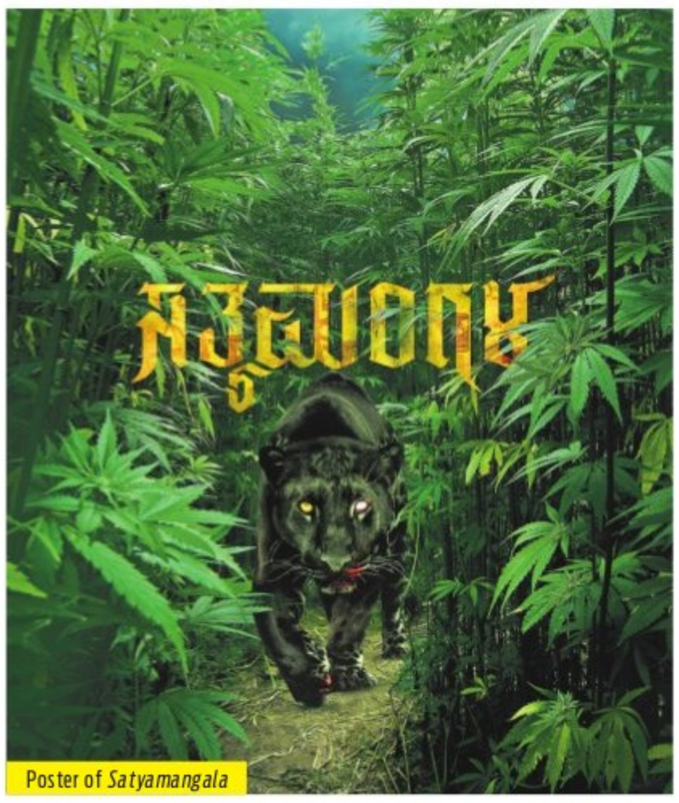
DIRECTOR Lohith H, known for *Mummy Save Me* and *Devaki*, announced his next outing, which has turned out to be a big-ticket film. The director is collaborating with Century Star Shivarajkumar for a project, which will be produced by Krishna Sarthak (under the banner Krishna Creations). The film, which is titled *Satyamangala,* will be a commercial entertainer set in a forest backdrop.

The speculations about the new collaboration were doing the rounds in the industry for a while. Now, the makers have officially announced on the occasion of Varamahalakshmi.

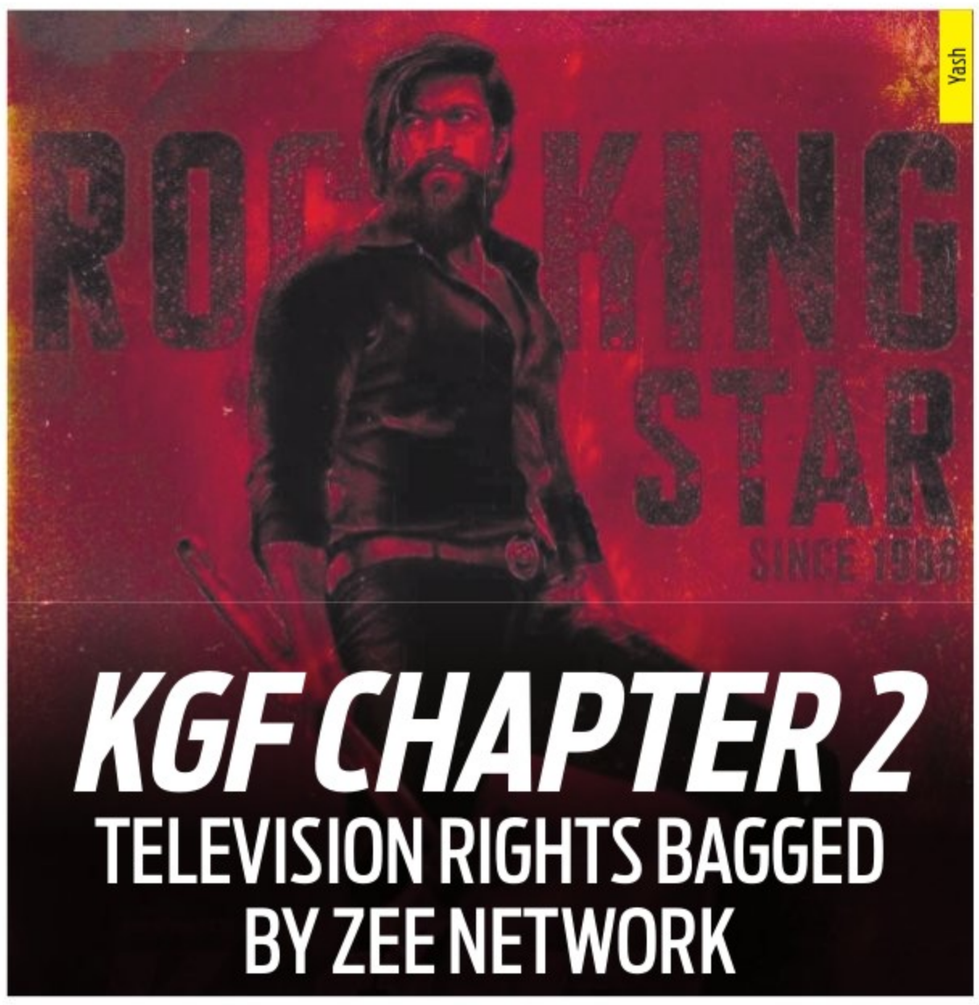
Interestingly, the talks about the project happened by accident on the sets of Shivanna's upcoming film *Bairagee*. Lohit had met Shivanna at the shooting spot, and the latter asked him about the script the director was currently working on. Shivanna was impressed by the idea and set up a meeting to discuss the story. By the end of it, the Century star had given his nod for the film, which will mark their first collaboration.

Lohith got critical acclaim with his first two films - female-centric scripts starring Priyanka Upendra in the lead. He is currently wrapping up his third film with Pruthvi Ambaar, which is in the last phase of shooting. The director has also turned producer and is bankrolling a handful of projects under his banner Friday Films.

Shivanna is currently on the sets of *Nee Siguvaregu*, directed by Ram Dhulipudi. He will follow it up with his 125th project with Harsha, titled *Vedha*. He will then start working on *Satyamangala*.



Poster of *Satyamangala*



Yash

KGF CHAPTER 2 TELEVISION RIGHTS BAGGED BY ZEE NETWORK

CE FEATURES

The television rights of Yash's *KGF: Chapter 2* has been bagged by Zee network. The television network will premiere the film in South Indian languages Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam.

It may be noted that the TV rights of the first instalment of *KGF* is being held by Colors network.

KGF, the two-part fictional mob drama, traces the journey of a dreaded criminal Rocky, portrayed by Yash, and his desire to rule the gold mines of Kolar, which results in a turf war with Adheera.

Directed by Prashanth Neel, the film marks the Kannada debut of Raveena Tandon and Sanjay Dutt and also stars Prakash Raj, Srinidhi Shetty, Malavika Avinash, and Eswari Rao. The film has cinematography by Bhuvan Gowda and music by Ravi Basrur.

Amid rumours that the film will premiere on an OTT platform, the makers clarified and announced that the much-anticipated sequel will release on the big screen. *KGF: Chapter 2*, one of the most-awaited pan-Indian films of this year, will also be released in Hindi.

SWEET GIRL

Starring: Jason Momoa, Isabela Merced, Manuel Garcia-Rulfo, Adria Arjona

Directed by: Brian Andrew Mendoza

Streaming on: Netflix

Jason Momoa leads this rather tiring thriller

RAM VENKAT SRIKAR

It's fascinating to watch actors, who play superheroes, get stripped off invincibility and play characters dealing with 'real' conflicts. Perhaps this is why when Jason Momoa (in his first non-Aquaman role in a feature film since 2018's *Braven*) breaks down after learning about the death of a dear one during the opening moments of *Sweet Girl,* he feels way more vulnerable and powerless. Momoa, with his tousled long hair, also gets enough space to vaunt his now-famous musculature in numerous bloody set pieces; I liked that these combats aren't painted as acts of courage. On the flip side, every time Momoa's character indulges in violence, neither do these action sequences bolster the progression of the story nor do they make for gratifying viewing, which serves to leave us frigid. This is perhaps where Sweet Girl really falters.

Backed by a strong emotional core, this film begins on a high note. We see Momoa's Ray Cooper and his 18-year-old daughter, Rachel (an effective Isabela Merced), crumble as Ray's wife, Amanda (Adria Arjona), fights an uphill battle with cancer. The family finds hope when they learn about the arrival of a new medication, but their optimism doesn't last long as Simon Keeley (Justin Bartha), the CEO of a pharmaceutical empire, curbs the release of the drug that could have possibly saved Amanda. In a stirring moment that plays out like an echo of Taken's iconic phone call scene, a helpless and deprived Ray confronts Simon over the phone on live television. "If my wife dies, it's your death sentence. I will hunt you down and kill you with my bare hands," says Ray. This film plays exactly how we expect it to, for the most part. After deciding to unravel the corruption that culminated in his personal loss, Ray goes on a killing spree, accompanied by his daughter, and this is when the film runs out of steam. The arrival of a hitman (Manuel Garcia-Rulfo) tailing the father-daughter duo fails to spice up proceedings. The action doesn't have enough spectacle to keep you captivated; the mystery, too feeble to sustain the tension through its entire runtime, and on the back of these deficiencies, the film falls flat both as an actioner and a thriller. Moreover, the lack of novelty is tiring.

RATING 2/5

Sweet Girl attempts to spur an emotional response, attempts to enthrall us, but despite having a multitude of effective elements at its disposal—a grieving family, an unlikely coming-of-age story, a conflicting father-daughter relationship, a mystery to unravel—it's all in vain.

Credit where it's due though. The first 30 minutes pack in a lot, and by the end of it, you really begin to wonder what more the film has in store. Unfortunately, it turns out that there isn't much at all, with the film prancing from one mirthless action sequence to another. The deliberately shaky hand-held camera by Barry Ackroyd works in favour of the action scenes, often reflecting the haste of the main characters. Steven Price's score pumps energy even during the most draining parts. A twist in the third act, which reminded me of Alexandre Aja's High Tension, comes across as quite a surprise and uncovers a sensitive side to a story that's otherwise all brawn, but it comes too late to save this confused film. Despite the laudable objective to bring the father-daughter bond to the fore, the ending gives the impression of being an obviously manufactured effort. *Sweet Girl* is a well-intentioned film with a few interesting ideas, but ultimately fails to convert them into a compelling watch.

JEEVNANE NATAKA SAMY

Cast: Kiran Raj, Shree Harsha, Pavithra Kotian and Anika Ramya

Director: Raju Bhandari Rajavartha

A FAR CRY FROM REALITY

A SHARADHAA

With *Jeevnane Nataka Samy* (Life is a drama), director Raju Bhandari Rajavartha has tried to explore the stark realities of reality shows, especially the ones involving children. While kudos to the central idea, the lack of research is unforgivable. The film seems more like a far-fetched idea from an unprepared mind.

The film is about Akash (Kiran Raj), who is working as a film technician in various production houses and is often pressurised by his wife to enroll their talented daughter into a reality show. Although Akash's daughter wins the hearts of the audiences, she does not make it to the final list of contenders. The crux of what happens next is whether Akash's daughter wins the show on merit or will he go out of his way to ensure his daughter wins the show. The director also explores Akash's struggle and the changes that he goes through following his experiences at the reality show.

RATING 1.5/5

On the whole, the execution of *Jeevnane Nataka Samy* falls flat with no soul in the script. Almost none of the actors add value to the story. Even the much-liked TV serial actor Kiran Raj doesn't evoke a similar reaction in his feature film appearance. While there is no doubt that Shree Harsha is a good singer, there is a long way to go if he wants to take up an acting career seriously. The rest of the actors come across as amateurish, and the only set of actors who come off unscathed are the child artistes. Although the director has tried to blend humour into this sensitive subject, it doesn't work at all.

Overall, it is just sad that the two hours spent on this film, which is so far away from reality, would have been better utilised in watching an actual reality show.

SHARDHOOLA

Cast: Kriuthika Ravindra, Raviteja, Chethan Chandra, Aishwarya Prasad

Director: Aravind Kaushik

THERE'S NOTHING SCARY ABOUT THIS ONE

A SHARADHAA

Aravind Kaushik, known for films like *Nam Areal Ond Dina, Thuglak,* and *Huliraaya*, had wanted to experiment with some fresh fear in his latest film *Shardhoola,* which has been in the pipeline for a long time now. The horror-thriller, which is out after a delay of about three years, tries to debate the existence of ghosts.

Horror films are indeed a work of intrinsic art. The genre is inextricably associated with fear, darkness, creepiness, and trauma, and trying to bring all elements together convincingly without confusing the audience is a task. However, Aravind Kaushik, unfortunately, fails to do so.

The film tells the story of four friends, Diksha (Kruthika Ravindra), Darshan (Raviteja), Sunny (Chetan Chandran), and Sakshi (Aishwarya Prasad), who are on a vacation ahead of beginning their start-up company. Like many horror films, things take a dark turn when they encounter a strange place during their trip.

RATING 2/5

The film scores big in the technical aspects of the movie like the excellent cinematography and equally decent sound design. However, the director fails to do the same with the script. He is unable to come out of the puzzles that he creates for himself, which are amateurish and disappointing in the first place.

With numerous unanswered questions, *Shardhoola* tests one's patience and is not remotely thrilling or scary. The story, which could have been wrapped up in over an hour, is stretched with redundant sequences. On top of that, the dots getting connected in the end with a social message makes little sense. The director also fails miserably in bringing out some genuine performances from the actors, which further disinterests the audience for most of the film's runtime. With a jarring plot, somber atmosphere, and poor performances, *Shardhoola* does not spook the viewer and makes it difficult to sit through.